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Sir Gilbert Parker An Old Stirling Boy

Famous Novelist Clerk in Drug Store
Here Many Years Ago—Later Teacher
and World Famed Writer

Sir Gilbert Parker was severely injured on Wednesday of last week when he was struck by a motor car on one of the business streets of Aiken, South Carolina, where he had gone to recover his health.

Many of our readers may not know that Sir Gilbert was a clerk in Dr. Parker's drug store (now Morton's) over 40 years ago. Mr. John H. Thompson, founder of the News-Argus, who was here a week or two ago, stated that he met him when he (Sir Gilbert) was a school teacher over in Sidney, first near Stirling then down near the front west of Belleville. At that time, the future world-famed writer of fiction "evinced a great interest in books and the illustration of books." Later he became a professor of English and of elocution and gave courses of lectures at Queen's and other colleges. Dr. Dyde who conducted classes in St. Andrew's last Sunday studied elocution under Sir Gilbert, at Queen's University. For a while, the great novelist lived in the wilds of Northern Canada so that he might become steeped in the subjects he felt impelled to write about. He has been a resident of London, England for many years, was a member of the British Parliament and has written many notable works of fiction, among the earliest of which was "The Translation of a Savage," written before he went to reside in England. His old friends and acquaintances in the Stirling district will hope that he may be speedily restored to health and strength.

Supper and Bazaar Was Decided Success

The chicken supper and bazaar held in the Opera House under the auspices of the Anglican Church last Thursday evening was a pronounced success. Some 300 people were on hand to enjoy a splendid supper, following which the centre of the floor was cleared and a number of the young people spent a few hours in dancing. The booths were patronized liberally and did a flourishing business. Mrs. B. Belshaw and Mrs. G. Bailey were in charge of the fancy work; Mrs. Halliwell managed the "Made-in-Canada" booth and Mrs. H. H. Alger and Mrs. W. Bailey the candy booth. The proceeds amounted to approximately \$400.00.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD

St. Andrew's Guild met on Monday night with a good attendance.

Geo. Tulloch made an efficient leader giving the Scripture Reading based on "Forgiveness." Margaret Wright led in prayer and a duet by Mrs. Nolan and Stella Marshall was very much appreciated. The topic, "If God is good, why is there sin and suffering?" was read by Edna Spry, showing us that suffering is disciplining, may be remedial and redemptive, hence our Patriots die for their country.

After the benediction an interesting contest brought the meeting to a close.

Back to Nature

The Atlantic City styles are killin'—On the beach the one-piece is the thing, the smaller the piece the "spiffler," an' on the Board Walk 'bout all they wear is a coat of tan and a lot of 'em got the druggist busy helping 'em to get rid of that.—Verifier.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE US YOUR ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

A Lesson in Success

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BRITAIN ORDERS ARREST OF PLOTS MENACING LIVES OF OFFICIALS IN EGYPT

A despatch from London says:—The discovery of a network of plots throughout Egypt, declared to menace the lives of British officials in that country and in the Sudan, from the Governor-General down to civil clerks, has caused the British authorities to issue orders for the arrest and imprisonment of all prominent anti-British plotters.

Further arrests, possibly on a large scale, in Cairo and Alexandria, are expected to follow quickly the arrests announced on Thursday, among others those of Nekrash Bey, Zaghloul Pasha's Minister of the Interior, and Abdul Rahman Fahmy, declared to have been long actively engaged in plots against England, it is intimated in official quarters here.

Discovery of the numerous plots is stated to have been made by the British authorities in their investigations following the murder of Major-General Sir Lee Stack, the Sirdar. For the most part the alleged plotters are said to belong to the groups of extremist patriots who aim at achieving the complete independence of their

country by the employment of any methods which they conceive will benefit their cause and place it before the rest of the world.

Great Britain, it was stated, intends to safeguard the lives of its subjects, and it is the belief of the men on the ground that the best method is to arrest the plot leaders, no matter what rank or position they may occupy in their country.

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, the British High Commissioner in Egypt, has expressed the hope and opinion that the new Egyptian Cabinet will co-operate in breaking up the plots. In addition to accepting the British demand that political meetings be stopped.

Great Britain is placing much emphasis on this last demand, it being explained that the murder of the Sirdar and the present crisis were, in the British view, the result of the Egyptian Government's allowing open meetings in which the discontented elements were able to work on public feeling and to further such plots as that for the murder of the Sirdar.

Reward Offered FOR ARREST OF HI-JACKERS

Murdered Capt. Gillis and Son and Took Valuable Cargo of Liquor.

A despatch from Victoria says:—Capt. W. G. Gillis and his young son, believed by the police to have been murdered when a raid was made on their launch, the Beryl G., were held up, under the guise of the law, by a hijacker in a police uniform, according to a statement made by authorities working on the case here.

The Beryl G. took on 350 cases of liquor, more than half of which was transferred to another vessel before the raid was made on her off Sidney Island.

From evidence pieced together, it is said the actual boarding was accomplished by three men who rowed across San Juan de Fuca Straits in a boat which put out from a vessel alleged to have been operated by seven men, five of whom are now under arrest.

As the three men, one in a police uniform, boarded the launch, a shot rang out and Captain Gillis fell, mortally wounded.

Soon afterward there was a second shot and the son was killed, according to the police. Then the bandits' launch was brought alongside for transhipment of the cargo, after which, it is asserted, the two bodies were handcuffed together and dropped overboard.

A despatch from Seattle says:—A reward of \$2,000 each for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of Owen ("Cannonball") Baker and Harry F. Sowash, reputed Chicago gunmen and Puget Sound hi-jackers, is announced by the Government of B.C. in connection with its prosecution for the murder of W. G. Gillis and his son William on Sept. 18 last, when hi-jackers boarded the Gillis craft, Beryl G., in the Gulf of Georgia, killed the two men and took a valuable cargo of liquor.

Canadian Grain Selling in Britain to be Increased

A despatch from London says:—It is very probable that as a result of the adoption of a resolution by the British Empire Producers' Organization Canadian wheat will find a much greater market in Great Britain. The resolution stated it was desirable on economic and strategic grounds that the home production of wheat should be materially increased, and strongly urged that the wheat which must still be imported after the home supply has been absorbed should be purchased from the wheat growing centres of the Empire. The resolution further urged that steps be taken to organize and make fully available the wheat supplies of the Empire, and that the Government institute an inquiry with the view of fixing the minimum quota of Britain's annual requirements which should be grown on home soil.



Mrs. Warren Harding
Whose death occurred recently at Marion, Ohio. She was the widow of the late president of the United States.

A General Education.

Of 4,402 students enrolled this year in the University of Toronto, 2,387, or over fifty-four per cent. are taking courses in Arts, while only eighteen per cent. are studying Medicine and only eleven per cent. are in Applied Science. This fact would seem to indicate that there is not, as has sometimes been asserted, a tendency on the part of the young people of Ontario to overlook the advantages of a general education and to strive to enter the more highly specialized and more highly paid professions. The Arts Faculty, with which practically all Universities, and certainly all the earlier Universities commenced, and which was in most cases the only Faculty for many decades, is still predominant. Nowadays many students desire, if they can afford the time, to take the Arts Course before commencing the study of Medicine, or Forestry, or Law. Of those in the Arts Colleges some intend going into the Ministry, some into teaching, some into law, some into business, still others into journalism, but a great many are simply anxious to secure a liberal education in order that they may have a good equipment for whatever career they may later decide upon. To all citizens who are interested in education and in the welfare of the youth of this Dominion it is pleasing to know that Arts, the foundation of all educational systems, is still more than holding its own.

Effect of Eclipse of Sun to be Studied by Radio Fans

A despatch from New York says:—The effect, if any, of the eclipse of the sun on radio reception will be one of the subjects studied when the eclipse takes place on January 24. A publication devoted to science is operating with radio enthusiasts in an effort to collect data on this phase of the astronomical phenomenon.

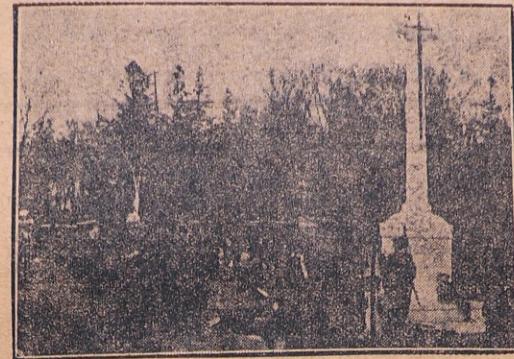
Prof. Ernest W. Brown of Yale, chairman of the committee of the American Astronomical Society, which is arranging for general observation of the eclipse, points out that it will be visible over Connecticut and parts of New York, Canada, Michigan and Wisconsin. All of the observatories within the zone will watch the eclipse.

Those who are in the locality where the eclipse is total will have the opportunity of viewing the corona of the sun. This is the fringe of light around the edge. It is of a strange greenish-blue color which clothes the earth with an ashen tinge. Stars will be visible in the heavens even before the crescent of the sun has disappeared.

One of the most impressive sights of the eclipse will be the band of shadow approaching from the west at an enormous speed just before the face of the sun is entirely obscured. This is most impressive when viewed from a height.



Abdel Aziz Ezzat Pasha
Egyptian minister in London, upon whom has fallen the responsibility for assuring Britain of the regret felt at Cairo over the assassination of Major-General Sir Lee Stack, governor-general of the Sudan and Sirdar of the Egyptian army.



On Armistice Day a memorial was dedicated in Cobourg to those of the town and surrounding country who gave their lives in the Great War. Rev. Canon Scott officiated at the ceremony.

Canada from Coast to Coast

St. John's, Nfld.—The market for dry codfish in European markets has seldom looked better than it does at present and the Newfoundland fishermen are getting the biggest prices that have prevailed since the war years. There is a considerable shortage of cod from Norway, Iceland, Britain and France, and consequently there has been an active demand from Southern European countries for this Newfoundland product.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Arrangements have been completed by the Provincial Government with the Federal Dept. of Agriculture for the provision of a fox experimental station here. The Island fox breeders have provided the land for the ranch and, in addition, have agreed to supply 25 pairs of silver foxes. The sum of \$5,000 for building and equipping the ranch has been provided by the local Government while the Federal Government will provide an operator and defray all costs of maintaining and operating this experimental station.

Kentville, N.S.—The evaporators in the Annapolis Valley located at Berwick, Aylesford and Kentville, are working to capacity. The demand for evaporated apples this year is said to justify the parties interested in this industry producing to the capacity of their plants. Several cars are moving to Winnipeg, as well as to local markets for export.

St. John, N.B.—As a result of the port charge reduction made by the common council recently, the Scandinavian-American line has decided to use this port on its eastbound trips. The first ship of this line to use St. John as a port will leave here about the end of December.

Quebec, Que.—The amount of lumber that will be cut in the forests of the province during the course of the coming winter, is expected to be equal to the average for the last ten years, that is to say, in the neighborhood of 900 to 1,000 million feet, according to a statement made by the chief forester of the province.

Kingston, Ont.—Work is rapidly proceeding on the plant of the Dye and Chemical Co. of Canada, recently incorporated with headquarters in this city. It is expected that the plant will be completed by the end of December and in production in January next. Production at the start will be confined to pharmaceutical chemicals, coloring materials for food-stuffs, textile (soap) preparations, and dyes for paper, leather, fur, inks, etc.

Winnipeg, Man.—It is estimated by the Provincial Dairy Commissioner that butter production in the province this year will exceed that of last year by 1,500,000 pounds. Prospects indicate that the output for 1924 will be at least 12,250,000 pounds, or possibly 12,500,000 pounds, of which amount 7,000,000 will be available for export.

Regina, Sask.—Sixteen thousand, five hundred chickens have been brought into Regina this fall under the new pool car system, and the season has only started. Of the total about one-half have been shipped out for foreign markets in live poultry transit cars, specially built for the business.

Calgary, Alta.—Following an interview with the Minister of the Interior, farmers in the Redlaw-Lomond district are proceeding to form an irrigation district under the Alberta Irrigation Act.

Vancouver, B.C.—There is an active revival of lumber queries from the Orient, Australia and Africa, and it is anticipated orders for approximately 40 million feet will be placed with British Columbia mill by December 1. It is reported that an order for eight to twelve millions feet is already placed for Soudan delivery.

OPERATE GERMAN LINES UNDER DAWES PLAN

British and American Bankers Take First Steps in Financing German Railways.

A despatch from New York says:—First steps in financing Germany's railways, as reconstituted under the Dawes plan, have been taken by British and United States bankers who placed a credit of \$15,000,000 at the disposal of the German State Railway Company.

One-third of the loan will be in pounds sterling and will be underwritten by a London banking group headed by J. Henry Schroeder and Company. The New York banking syndicate headed by Speyer and Company includes the Equitable Trust Company, the Chase Securities Corporation, Blair and Company, the Bank of the Manhattan Company and the J. Henry Schroeder Banking Corporation.

Organized in accordance with the Dawes plan to take over the operation of German railroads under private management, the German State Railway Company constitutes what is said to be the largest railway system in the world, having 33,000 miles of road.

Two-thirds of the equipment, consisting of 31,000 locomotives, 70,000 passenger cars, and 750,000 freight cars, is less than ten years old.

The original cost of the system,

whose lines extend into every part of Germany, was \$6,200,000,000.

Present capitalization consists of \$30,000,000 common stock issued to the German Government or the German states, and \$2,620,000,000 first mortgage reparation bonds, guaranteed by the German Government, which have been issued to a trustee appointed by the Reparations Commission.

The company is also authorized to issue \$476,000,000 in preferred stock and \$22,500,000 second mortgage bonds, which will be placed as security for the \$15,000,000 credit.

There are not many industries that can claim to have increased their output by 42 per cent. during the past four years. But the Canadian pulp and paper industry can do so. Most industries refer to 1920 as their peak year for output, but the pulp and paper industry has passed its 1920 production figures by nearly 50 per cent. What is more, it continues to set up new marks.

If you allow your shadow to be cast for a short while on one of the great pools where oil is stored in California, and then move away, the shadow will remain. The explanation is simple. The heat of the sun causes gas to rise in minute bubbles in the oil. The shadow cools a part of the surface, decreasing the gas formation, causing a difference in refraction.



Mr. O. Young (left), temporary chief of the reparations commission, turns over the office to Mr. S. Parker Gilber, permanent agent, at the commission headquarters in Berlin.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.76 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.71 1/4; No. 3 North, \$1.65 3/4; No. 4 wheat, \$1.56 1/4.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 66c; No. 3 CW, 64c; extra No. 1 feed, 64c; No. 1 feed, 63c; No. 2 feed, 60c.

All the above, c.i.f., bay ports.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.33.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$30.25;

shorts, per ton, \$32.25; middlings, \$38; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.25;

oats, \$1.35; No. 3 winter, \$1.33 to \$1.35; No. 4 winter, \$1.29 to \$1.31; f.o.b.

shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 88 to 95c.

Buckwheat—25c, 28 to 82c.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.12.

Ont. flour—New, ninety per cent.

pat, in jute bags, Montreal, prompt

shipment, \$6.50; Toronto, \$6.50; bulk, seaboard, nominal.

Man. flour—First quality, in jute

sacks, \$9.20 per bbl.; 2nd quality, \$8.70.

Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.

Straw—Carrots, per ton, \$9.

Screwpins—Standard, recycled, f.

ob. bay ports, per ton, \$26.

Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19 1/2c; triplets, 21c; 21c; 22c; strong, 22c.

Chesse—Old, large, 19c; twins, 21c; 22c; triplets, 25c; 25c; 26c.

Butter—Finest creamy prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamy, 37 to 38c; 38c, 40c; 34 to 35c; dairy, 28 to 30c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 65c to 67c; loose, 63 to 65c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 22c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c.

Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 20c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, 6c; prunes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/4c per lb.

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10-lb. tins, 12 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 16c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 27c; cooked hams, 27 to 28c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 24c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$38; heavyweight rolls, \$27.

Lard—Pork, tierces, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 18 1/2 to 19 1/4c; prints, 21 to 22c; strong, tierces, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 14 1/2 to 15c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 17 to 17 1/4c.

Heavy beef steers, \$8 to \$12.50; butcher steers, good to choice, \$5.25 to \$6; do, fair to good, \$4.25 to \$5.25; do, com. to fair, \$3 to \$4.25; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$5 to \$7.50; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$5; do, com., \$3 to \$4; butcher cows, good to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.25; do, fair to good, \$3 to \$4.50; do, med., \$5.50 to \$6.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$5; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$90; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; hogs, \$2.50 to \$4.50; good ewes, lamb, \$12.25 to \$11.25; bucks, \$8 to \$9.50; do, med., \$10 to \$11; culms, \$9 to \$9.50; hogs, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$9.60; do, f.o.b., \$9; do, country points, \$8.75; do, off cars, \$10; select premium, \$1.88.

MONTREAL.

Com. dairy type cows and cullers, \$1.50 to \$3; com. bull, \$2.25 and \$2.50; mixed lots com. and med. sucker calves, \$8; grassers, \$1.50; good weight hogs, mixed lots, \$9.50; do, select, \$10; lights, \$9 to \$9.25; cows, \$7 to \$7.50.

Cheese—Finest wheats, 17 1/2c to 17 1/4c. Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 35 1/2c; No. 1 creamery, 34 1/4c; seconds, 33 1/2c.

Eggs—Storage extras, 48c; storage seconds, 38c; fresh extras, 65c; fresh seconds, 50c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 70 to 75c.

TWO OF CREW PICKED UP IN LAKE ERIE GALE

Rest of Crew and Owner of Buffalo Fishing Tug Go Down With the Vessel.

A despatch from Dunkirk, N.Y., says:—Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of the fishing tug Harold G. Beck; her master, Captain John Beck of Buffalo, and three members of his crew. Two of the deckhands were picked up by the freighter Belgian and taken to Buffalo.

The missing men are: Capt. John Beck, 1057 West Avenue, Buffalo, owner; Harold G. Beck, engineer, son of the captain; two members of the crew, which consisted of Christ Moore of Sandusky, Ohio; Harry Nowickie, Walter Zursalsky and Joe Antusewski, all of Dunkirk.

The tug was returning to the harbor from the fishing grounds last night, when a shaft on the propeller broke. She was then in mid-lake, about 25 miles off this port, and a fierce storm was raging.

Flares were sent up, which were sighted by the master of the Belgian, en route to Buffalo. The Belgian was put about to attempt a rescue. Three hawsers were put on the tug, rolling in the trough of the heavy seas, but they all snapped like threads. In maneuvering with the lines, two members of the deck crew of the tug succeeded in scrambling aboard the Belgian.

After the third line parted, the Beck drifted away in the fog. The master of the Belgian stood by for two hours, trying to locate the tug, but did not sight her again. He then proceeded to Buffalo.

Local fishermen say that the storm was one of the worst of the year. The wind blew at 70 miles an hour, and there was a dense, shifting fog.

CANADIAN STEAMER BURNS NEAR DETOUR

Collingwood Skipper and Crew Rescued by U.S. Coastguard Boat.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—The steamer J. C. Ford, owned by Capt. Percy Ramsay and Capt. W. T. Ramsay of the Sault, was completely burned at anchor off Little Trout Island, near Detour, the loss being estimated at \$40,000, which is only partly covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The United States coastguard boat came to the rescue, taking the 11 members of the crew safely to shore. They reached the Sault by tug.

The barge was plying her way light from Cleveland to Thessalon when the fire started off Little Trout Island. Capt. Woolner of Collingwood, who arrived in the Sault with the crew, praised the work of the United States coastguard in rescuing the crew, even after the boat had lost a wheel.

Chief Engineer T. Horrigan was in the boiler room when members of the crew told him if he wanted to save his life to leave the ship, as it was on fire. By that time the fire had spread to all parts of the ship. There was a possibility that the fire started from defective wiring in the ship, but he did not know.

The boat was on her last trip of the season. She was used to carry lumber and coal, and was on her way for a load of lumber when the fire scene to see if any machinery can be salvaged. Capt. Ramsay will return to be salvaged.

Official figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicate that for the whole of Canada over 14,000 cubic feet of natural gas was produced last year. The value of this was \$5,875,150 in 1923, which shows the striking gain of over \$4,500,000 above the figures for 1910.

Ziwari Pasha

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

A prominent business man of Toronto was recently found dead in his of a garage 10 feet by 10 feet by 20 garage, with the engine at his auto-feet to the danger point in about three minutes.

It is not so very long ago that the newspapers contained an account of a young girl who, while taking a bath, was asphyxiated through having a small heating stove in the bathroom. These accidents occur so unexpectedly that it is well for the public to know from this gas exceed those from any other poison. But deaths from carbon monoxide can happen anywhere. This gas can be just as fatal in small cottages out in the country through incomplete combustion in the coal furnace or stove. It can produce fatal results in a garage, as has been seen when the engine is left running and not sufficient ventilation provided. The danger involved in running a gasoline engine in a small closed space for any length of time should be recognized by all automobile owners. In recent tests on the exhaust of a small automobile engine, it was found that it discharged approximately twenty-five cubic feet of gas per minute, samples of which gave an average of six per cent carbon monoxide or one and one-half cubic feet of deadly carbon monoxide gas every minute. Larger engines will naturally give off more. A ratio of fifteen parts of carbon dioxide to ten thousand parts of air is considered a dangerous concentration to be exposed to for any considerable item, and a small engine in "warming up" and giving off only one cubic foot of carbon monoxide

is thus little warning of its presence until symptoms appear. The individual feels dizzy and complains of headache, with a feeling of sleepiness and sense of fatigue. Because of the great loss of motor power which the gas causes to the muscles of the body, the victim may be unable to escape even though he is aware of the danger. It is thus well to know something of the dangers of carbon monoxide and where it is liable to appear, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Proper ventilation is essential wherever there is danger from this poison.

NEW HEALTH FOR SUFFERING WOMEN

Obtained Through Enriching the Blood Supply.

Many women endure with silent patience suffering that casts a shadow over half her life. But an aching back, tired limbs, sideaches, attacks of faintness and splitting headaches need not be a part of a woman's life. Such trials indicate plainly that her blood is thin and impure; that to drive away these troubles her system requires the new, rich blood supplied by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills are valued by suffering women, who have used them, above all other medicines because they make the rich, red blood that makes women feel well and at their best. Proof of these statements is given by Mrs. Eugene Deslauriers, Richot, Man., who says:—"A few years ago my health completely failed. I was subject to those troubles that afflict so many of my sex. Added to these I suffered from constipation, loss of appetite, dizziness, a ringing in my head and nervous prostration. I consulted several doctors, but their medicines failed to give me relief. After much persuasion I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but without much hope as I believed that no medicine would help me. To my great joy, however, I found these pills were just what I needed, and I can honestly say they have made me a well woman. I can now do with ease all my own house-work, and I strongly urge other weak, ailing women to give this medicine a fair trial, feeling that what it has done for me it will do for others."

You can get these pills from your druggist, or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Ostrich Nest.
Nest building is done by the male ostrich.

A roll of Egyptian papyrus fifteen feet long is being translated by an expert. It deals with surgery and medical treatment as practiced three thousand years ago by quack doctors.

Emulation looks out for merits, that she may exalt herself by a victory; envy spies out blemishes, that she may lower another by defeat.—Colton.

A Peep Into a Little-Known Industry.

Do you know how your wallpaper is made?

No matter what the quality of the wallpaper may be, or the price asked for it, every design is first produced in water colors.

After the parts of the design to be printed in each color are separately drawn they are ready for transferring to the rollers. This may be done either by engraving the design on copper rollers or by taking wooden rollers and working out the design by means of small brass strips, the spikes of which are driven into the wood.

Before the actual printing takes place the paper is given a background. This is done by passing the huge reels of paper through machines fitted with mechanical arms which brush the paper with a suitable coloring matter. The reels of tinted paper now pass to the dry-rooms, where the regulated heat removes every trace of moisture. In the meantime the machines are made ready by arranging the pattern and rollers around a large drum. As the paper is fed into one end of the machine, each roller prints upon it one of the colors that go to make up the complete design.

The coloring matter is applied to the rollers by means of endless woven belts which, passing through the color troughs insure supplies of the right color being applied to each roller. After the rolls of paper are printed they pass to the drying rooms. To give the wallpaper a superior finish it is passed through a machine with an engraved roller revolving against a soft plain one. In this way, the different markings or "grains" are pressed into the paper.

Thoroughly dried for the last time the paper is mechanically measured, rolled, and cut.

As the rolls are being wound, the machine marks off the paper into lengths. This mark, the operator looks for. When it appears, the machine is stopped for a moment, the paper is cut, and the neatly wound rolls are removed ready for use.

Another Girl.

"I don't like your heart action," said the medical examiner. "You've had some trouble with Angina Pectoris."

"You're partly right, doctor," said the applicant sheepishly, "only that ain't her name."

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Dad's Lantern.

I ride a horse to school six miles away. One night—last week it was—I had to stay

An extra hour to practice in the "gym." I saddled Billy, gave rein to him And started home. The country roads were dim,

And fog had settled down, all thick and gray.

Somehow I felt so tired and chilled clear through.

I knew that I'd be missing supper too On the farm. It wasn't very gay To ride a horse to school six miles away

And then go home alone. I'm here to say

That chilly wind and fog just made me blue.

The miles slipped by at Billy's lazy jog.

And then—I saw Dad's lantern through the fog.

And Dad himself came down to lift the gate.

We heard you in the lane. It's pretty late,

But Mother seemed to think we'd better wait."

He said to me. And all I said was "Gee!"

You hadn't oughta waited just for me?"

But say! I'll not forget if I should be A hundred years how glad I was to see Dad's lantern, blinking through the fog at me.

And how it seemed too bulky to be true That all the folks were waiting supper too!

Nina Hatchett Ruffield in Youth's Companion.

Was It You?

An old man limped along life's way, His grief-bowed head was crowned with gray;

Somebody cheered his dreary day.

I wonder—Was it you?

A lonely child, devoid of glee,

Looked up, and tears bedimmed its smile;

Somebody stopped to play awhile.

I wonder—Was it you?

There's always someone needing aid,

Some trembling heart alone, afraid,

Some load that could be lighter made,

Can they depend on you?"

Vegetable Ivory's Uses.

Vegetable ivory taken from the tagua nut is widely used in making buttons. The tulip or sour gum tree is being considered as a possible source of paper pulp in the south.

In many parts of China, the women attribute magical properties for the cure of certain diseases to water drawn after midnight of the seventh day of the seventh month.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Pain.

The Pace That Kills.

It may be taken for granted that we don't wish to die young. Also that, if we live to a good old age, we should like to have sufficient vigor left to enjoy ourselves. In moderate measure and not to be merely half-alive burdens to ourselves and others.

Well, the recipe for a vigorous old age is to use the test contained in the question: "Is it worth while?"

A well-known scientist says that premature death, or decrepit old age, is due to the too lavish expenditure of energy—the "life forces"—physical and mental.

We have no reserve at the time we want it. We've spent so freely that there's nothing in the Bank of Vitality. So his advice is that we should restrain this expenditure by the test: "Is it worth while?"

That not only applies to strenuous mental and physical expenditure, but to much else. For instance, it is not worth while to be very angry. Anger makes a huge draft on our "life force." The exhaustion which follows an outbreak of violent anger is nothing less than an exhaustion of "life."

It is not worth while to fog our brains to complete a task. An overdriven horse, an over-forced machine, is never quite the same afterwards. Similarly with the delicate human machine. It is not worth while "hatred," or scheming revenge. The consequent draft on the "life force" is in us very large.

Even pleasures should not escape the test. Late hours may apparently hold no harm, but that "washed-out" feeling is a sign that we have parted with much of our vitality.

The toll has been taken, and because the ordinary replacement of used vitality takes all our time, the special loss is never really made up.

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The Circuit Rider and the Devil.

There was rain on the mountain—cold, drizzling, marrow-chilling rain that made the Methodist circuit rider as he urged his old horse to greater speed button his shabby old coat up under his chin and pull his hat down over his eyes. The constant drip, drip, drip on the dead leaves of the forest made him think with eager anticipation of his little home. There would be a bright crackling fire of hickory logs, a softly shaded lamp on the reading stand beside his chair, and Sally, plump, rosy-cheeked, cheerful Sally, the best wife a man ever had!

He had a surprise for Sally. Safe in the old wallet buttoned up snug in the inside breast pocket of the old coat were two five-dollar bills, and both of them were for Sally. Money that Sally needed had come to him so unexpectedly that he felt that the Lord had made him the custodian of it as a direct gift to his wife. He was boyishly thrusting his hand into his pocket just to feel the treasure when some one close beside the road cried, "Halt!"

The preacher realized that was in a "moonshiners" country. Peering through the misty gloom, he found to his consternation that he was close to old Nance's cabin, the notorious haven of all the evil-doers of three townships. Ten dollars was a fine sum in that country at that time; it is not at all strange that the rider wondered whether he were about to be robbed.

"Parson," said the stranger, "old Nance wants that you should come in and pray for her. She's took that sick, an' Jack was took off yesterday to jail on account of the still. Me an' my ol' woman's lookin' after her the best we kin. We heard tell that you was comin' back home this way, an' I been standin' here for the last hour, watchin' fur ye."

Needless to say the preacher granted the old woman's request; he read a chapter from the Bible that he always carried in his saddle bag and then expounded it. Nor was that all. Finding that the old crone needed material aid also, he left one of the precious bills in her withered hand.

A good deed, you say, and worthy of the man. Yes, no doubt, but let the preacher tell what followed:

"When I mounted my horse to ride on the Devil got up behind me, and his voice whispered, 'Now what are you going to say to Sally? Huh, huh! That was an evil place. And what are you going to tell Sally?'

"In vain did I argue with his Evil Majesty; he always came back with, 'Yes, yes! But what are you going to tell Sally?'

"At last I just turned my horse round and said, 'Look here, Devil! I'm going to go back and give the old woman the other five, and then we'll see what I'll tell Sally!' And my old horse turned round of his own accord, and when I'd got rid of the money we jogged on home in peace."

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My Work.

Let me but do my work from day to day

In field or forest, at desk or loom,

In roaring market-place or tranquil room.

Let me but find it in my heart to say,

When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,

This is my work, my blessing, not my doom;

Of all who live I am the one by whom

This work can best be done in my own way,

To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;

Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours

And cheerful turn when the long shadows fall.

At eventide to play, and love and rest,

Because I know for me my work is best.

Henry Van Dyke.

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(Clip this out and paste it, with other of the series, in a scrapbook.)

China's Mystery Creatures.

Strange creatures, said to have been found in the South of China, are causing a great deal of scientific curiosity.

The most amazing of these discoveries deals with a race of "dog-faced" people. This tribe is said to live far in the interior. They have thick hair all over their bodies, live in trees, and are entirely savage.

There have been reports also of a blue tiger, a creature which is against all known laws of zoology. This beast is not striped like the ordinary tiger, but has a bluish fur resembling the color of coarse dungaree. During one month, a scientist reported this specimen killed and ate sixty people. The same explorer, Dr. Caldwell, also discovered a barge as big as a bear, and shot a scraw, a very rare animal which is a cross between a goat and an antelope.

All these reports lend color to the theory held by many scientific men that in southern China there are many strange primitive men and animals to be discovered. Life in this region today is supposed to be very like that in prehistoric times, and many "prehistoric" animals may be still existing. The men, too, have probably remained almost unchanged.

For years the Chinese themselves have believed that dragons and flying serpents exist in their country. They have been scoffed at as having vivid imaginations, but may it not be a fact that these creatures still lurk in the hinterland where white men have rarely penetrated?

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Apart from issuing the ordinary coinage of the realm, the British Mint makes various coins that are never handled in the United Kingdom.

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For Ceylon there is issued a quaint little square coin, worth five cents. Another oddity is the Maltese "grano," which has the distinction of being our smallest coin. It is worth one-twelfth of a penny.

Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

The law can touch us here and there, and then, but manners are of more importance than the laws. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation like that of the air we breathe.—Edmund Burke.

The human heart is like a millstone in a mill; when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour; if you put no wheat, it still grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds and wears away.—Martin Luther.

Henry Van Dyke.

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A cure for malaria has been found by Dr. Geo. H. Hooper, member of the staff of the William C. Gorgas Hospital of Tampico, Fl.

As a result malaria, the white plague of the tropics, has been conquered by the experiments of Dr. Hooper, who first conceived the idea of using mercurochrome, a practically new drug.

A specialist of Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Hugh Young, is said to have been the first to use mercurochrome in any capacity. The drug itself is a red analine dye and has been employed successfully in the treatment of infections of the kidney and in certain cases of blood poisoning. Mercurochrome injections for the treatment of malaria were administered last September by Dr. Hooper for the first time, and with remarkable results.

Within forty-eight hours chronic cases of more than a year's duration showed marked improvement. Microscopic examinations of the blood returned negative results and the patients remained free from the malady, against which quinine is powerless to afford more than a temporary relief.

Salt Gift to God.

Among the Greeks it was customary to present salt to the gods as a thank offering at the beginning of every meal.

Within the South of China there are many strange primitive men and animals to be discovered. Life in this region today is supposed to be very like that in prehistoric times, and many "prehistoric" animals may be still existing. The men, too, have probably remained almost unchanged.

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Car of coal just arrived \$15.75 delivered \$15.00 off car. FRED KEELEY 13(a)

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Cook, Betty and Elaine of New Liskeard are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleton.

Mrs. Annie Hamilton and son spent the week end in Belleville visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. David McAdam of Havelock visited friends at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Reeve C. B. McGuire is attending the sessions of County Council in Belleville this week.

Remember St. Andrew's M. B. sale of Home Cooking etc. and afternoon tea in Agricultural Rooms, Dec. 6th, 3-6 p.m. 13(a)

Mr. Alex Donald who was so severely injured a month ago, is improving slowly, and able to walk a little with help.

Miss M. Hart registered nurse of the staff of Belleville hospital spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eggleton and Margaret returned on Saturday from Toronto, where they spent a week visiting friends.

Mrs. R. A. Elliott is spending a week in Peterboro with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hubble of Campbellford were guests of Mr. Ed. Montgomery and Mr. John Johnson last week.

Mrs. A. Kennedy left on Friday for Moosejaw, Sask. to pay an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Banks.

Mrs. Catharine Reynolds, Mill St., left last Friday for Marmora, where she will spend the next three months with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells.

Mrs. George F. Johnston of the relieving staff of the Union Bank of Canada is assisting in the Stirling office for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spafford and daughter of Cherry Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Manley Flake of Picton were visitors at Mr. W. S. Martin's last week.

Mr. R. P. Coulter has been confined to his home for a few days with heart weakness and a threatened attack of pneumonia. He is recovering steadily, however.

Mr. Jetty Thompson is re-arranging the interior of his store. The counter is being extended and new shelving added. It will make the shop decidedly more convenient and attractive.

The old grocery business of George Lagrow on Front St. formally changed hands last Monday. Mr. Roy Thrasher is the new owner. Be sure to read his ad in this issue.

Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada passed through Anson on his way from Peterboro to Trenton last week. Very few knew that his special car would come that way and only a small number of people were at the station to greet him.

Mrs. J. D. Mills and little daughter left yesterday for London, Ont. where they will spend a few weeks with Mrs. Mills' mother, Mrs. Thos. Ball, who accompanied her from Stirling. Mr. Mills expects to go up later to spend the Christmas vacation in London and Tilbury.

"The pond is safe" Conley Ackers who has made the first tests every year for some years announced this morning that there was about three inches of ice. By the way, who is going to run the rink this year? There's a job for somebody.

Mr. Stewart M. Elliott has accepted a good position with the Quaker Oats Co. at Peterboro and left on Saturday

On Monday evening, Nov. 24th the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the home of Mr. John Montgomery, in Murray on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. For years as many as possible of the family have endeavoured to meet at the old home on this memorable occasion.

About ten o'clock the meeting was called to order and the eldest son, Edward of Mt. Pleasant acted as chairman. The following address was read by Willie Montgomery and Miss Eva Rose made the presentation, both of them being grandchildren.

DEAR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER:

Another year has rolled around and we have again gathered at the old home on this birthday occasion.

We are glad to find you in such good health this evening and able to be about as usual.

As a token of our esteem and goodwill we ask you to accept this sweater and purse as a loving remembrance from your children and grandchildren.

Signed by The Family.

Mr. Montgomery made a very fitting reply saying that he was happier to have his family about him than to be a millionaire with no loved ones who cared.

A programme was then given when a number of songs and hymns were sung. Roll call was then featured and nearly everyone made a short speech or told a joke. Recitations were given by Olive Rose and Gordon Crowe. Mrs. Percy McMullen contributed two readings and the programme closed with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and God Save the King.

An abundance of eats were passed around and home-made candy and then the crowd enjoyed themselves to the tune of the music till the wee sma' hours.



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Stirling. 13(a)

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There is nothing so attractive as a charming voice. So many lovely women are spoiled by high-pitched, thin, nervous voices. That is because they are always on the go.

To have the kind of voice that people want to listen to, try to talk from your chest and not from the roof of your mouth. Use only throaty tones. At first the new voice may sound a little affected. But if you continue to practice, in a few weeks it will become a natural contralto or mezzo-soprano.

Another hint for gaining a charming voice is never to talk so that people not directly in your conversation can hear you. Keep your voice so low that only the person to whom you are speaking can understand you. If you want other people in the room to know what you are talking about, tell them later.

Another thing that brings charm quickly and easily is a pleasant smile—not one of those hard surface smiles that seem to start at the teeth, but one that begins way down deep in the heart. After you have acquired such a smile, use it and use it. Remember, it won't wear out, and only grows more beautiful by practice.

Grace is simply the art of moving your body in harmony. A girl with a graceful figure is always considered stylish, while one who waddles or slumps or jerks cannot look well—not even in expensive gowns.

A simple exercise for acquiring a graceful walk is to balance a slipper or a book on your head every night for at least twenty minutes, while walking around the room. Another exercise is to clasp your hands up the back of your head and get up and sit down without unclasping them. After you have mastered this, try getting up and lying down without moving your

hands from the back of your head. Doing each of these exercise twenty times a night will give you a little, girlish figure.

And where you sit, try to be graceful too. Folding your arms may feel restful, but it spoils the lines of your figure. The stylish dress models in big city shops are taught to keep their hands low on their hips. They put their thumbs to the back and their fingers to the front. The first three fingers are held tightly together, but the little finger is allowed to spread. This position, standing or sitting, is extremely attractive.

These are little things, to be sure, but it is the little things that ruin or enhance the ensemble.

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And take a clean, white handkerchief and wear our other suits, And sit up straight at table and keep our elbows off,

And always turn our heads away if we should have to cough, And say "No thank you," when we're ast to take another slice,

And for the Lord's sake don't forget to tell her things is nice, And careful we don't interrupt when anybody talks,

And go outdoors to run and play and don't get off the walks, And shake her hand at leaving and be sure to say it hearty,

"I thank you dear Aunt Adelaide, it's been a pleasant party."

Aunt Sadie is another aunt, but we just call her "Aunt."

She says her yard's a circus and she calls her house a shanty.

She says that trees were made to climb and grass was made to roll on,

And says a child's a stomach that you got to graft a soul on,

And so she makes us pies and cakes and feeds us in the kitchen,

And if we bust ourselves, she says, she's there to take a stitch in,

Then she says she's baked some cookies, and if anybody rubbered

They must have seen the jar is on the low shelf of the cupboard.

She says her house is kid-proof, no one yet has broke or bent it,

And to bump our heads against it if we think that we can dent it.

And when we're hugging her good-by, we say "Oh, Aunt Sadie,

We're coming back to-morrow and we're glad you ain't a lady!"

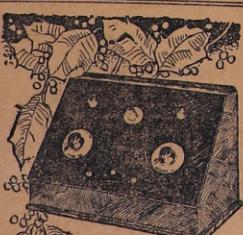
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Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

Carlotta moved swiftly down upon the firm sand at the edge of the sun-kissed waves, and kept on walking steadily, as if seeking some ultimate and congenial goal.

Far beyond the usual limits of the conventional morning walk she met Alan Rankine, and no surprise was visible on either face, because each had known, by some strange subconsciousness and telepathy of soul, that it would happen, and that their meeting, here, on the sands of Ayr, was written in the book of fate.

She did not even flush under his steady gaze, but had a tremulous smile for him as she offered him her frank, kind hand. An immense sense of well-being which was actually joy, seemed to enfold her; she was supremely content, and had no concern beyond the moment. It sufficed.

In the sun-dew of the April morning her heart sang, because she knew that all the gifts of youth and life were about to be poured at her feet.

Rankine laughed, with a touch of embarrassment.

"I knew we should meet to-day. I never walk here. I don't suppose I've been here on a Sunday morning since I was a boy, but when I got up this morning I knew that I should come here and find you!"

Carlotta did not laugh. There was nothing to laugh at. It was serious, as a genuine happiness must be when it has to last.

"We can only get a little farther," she said. "See, the tide is coming in. I know all about this shore. It has no tricks—only habits, which have to be learned and carefully watched."

"You will be the guide, then," he answered, "since you give me permission to walk with you."

"Of course," she said, turning her glorious eyes upon his face. "It is what we came out for, is it not?"

"You have felt it too! You understand?" he asked, as if stupefied by the wonder of his soul.

"Yes. Somewhere in eternity this day was registered for you and me."

Carlotta did not know herself, nor had she any control over her tongue in the usual sense. Yet she was not a babbler, nor one who would complicate life in any of its relations by foolish speech. It but added to her charm, since all men sooner or later weary of the babbling brook, murmuring to all eternity.

"It is eight days since we met," he said, in his low, eager voice. "Did you remember how long it was?"

"Yes, and I have been thinking of you through all these sad days. I was there when you laid him to rest. Did you know?"

He shook his head.

"I did not know, though I ought. But that is a day which blots other things out of a man's heart and life. There has been nothing like it seen in Alloway for generations. My father was not a great man—there were even some who called him a foolish one—but to have awakened affection in so many hearts was, surely, to have lived!"

"The life of the heart—it is worth all else," said Carlotta musingly, for all the glow of passion, spent at the moment of meeting, was followed by a deepening quiet. "It moved me to tears—and yet I was glad, glad for your sake. How could one be sad on such a day? It was all glory to have lived and loved as he did, and to pass on! It is what ought to be."

"In Stair there is only one to follow him and that is Judy," said Rankine with a touch of gloom. "The qualities which made my father great are not of this generation."

"She is very wonderful, I know," said Carlotta; "and it is because she has been a burden-bearer. She is very simple and dear, as all those are who do the big things of life."

Ranking felt himself oddly moved, as a man, may when he hears his mother's name, or realizes in his own soul the secret of the springs of being.

They walked on in silence, not noticing how the beach was narrowing, and how near they were approaching to the frowning Heads of Ayr.

"Carlotta," said Alan Rankine, suddenly, and with a touch of passion, "you will never go to The Lees as Peter Garvoe's wife!"

She lifted her eyes to his with a still, wondering look. She did not know how or why, but Peter Garvoe had just drifted out of her life quietly, effectively, as the bulk of an old cable, drifting with the ebb-tide, is lost to view!

"No; I will never go to The Lees as Peter Garvoe's wife—there is nothing surer than that."

"Say now that you will come to Stair, one day, as my wife—that there is nothing surer than that?" he said, and stood still on the firm wet sand, compelling her with his eyes.

She shook her head, and watched, with eyes that saw not, the flight of a seagull, its graceful dip to the sun-kissed wave.

That I cannot say—at least yet: for there is a long road to travel first.

Suddenly her eyes became dark with pain, and she stamped a passionate foot on the sand.

"Now why—now why is life so cruel? Why could you not have come at Christmas instead of at Easter? Why did I not meet you instead of Peter Garvoe?"

"God knows! But I want to hear how and why Peter won your promise."

The color flamed in her cheek.

I am ashamed to tell you, who will never understand, for there is no money-sense at Stair. I have had that dinner into my ears since ever I heard the name."

"There are other things besides the money-sense. It would never have

brought that stupendous crowd to Alloway Kirk last Tuesday," said Rankine quickly.

"No, no—don't I know? I was base, but I was temples and poverty. You think you have known poverty, but you do not know the grinding, sordid kind of poverty such as ours is; the scheming and planning to make ends meet, to keep the family head out of the dust! Then—and here she lifted her head with an odd, proud gesture of defiance—"I wanted to have my revenge on all these horrible people who have snubbed and belittled me since I came to this place."

"And poor Peter was to be the scapegoat," murmured Stair, with an infinite compassion.

Right to her eyes sprang two swift hot tears.

"Forgive me!" she said softly, and with an adorable glance which might well have banished her self-control. "But you are not angry? One is not angry with the child who knows nothing. And how, not having met you, could I know?"

He almost groaned in spirit.

"It is honor we are talking about, Carlotta; but in this case what are we to do?"

"Listen, my dear—"

She called him "my dear" as if she were his mother.

"I never have married Peter Garvoe. I was learning it more convincingly every day. Something else would have happened, if not you. Not three days after I gave him my promise I felt myself drawing back. It is his own fault that he feels so sure."

"That will not serve for Peter when he knows," said Alan Rankine with the utmost gloom.

She shivered slightly and put another fold of her scarf about her throat.

Suddenly her wild eyes grew pitiful.

"I am afraid of Peter Garvoe. He is a hard man even in the thing he calls love! And so jealous! He hates even the attention I give to my own people. Life with him would be terrible. It is peace the human heart needs, even such as happiness, and how it is ever to be ours, supposing we should—we should—supposing I should come to Stair?"

"Listen, Carlotta. The thing which has come to you and me is so wonderful that nothing else matters. We have met, and we love one another. Is that not so?"

She bowed her head.

When I came into the room that day the whole world seemed to change for me."

"And for me," put in Carlotta swiftly. "My heart stood still, then all the blood rushed to it, and the room whirled, and there was only you."

"We belong to one another. But we shall have to walk warily."

"Apart," she said, with the swift petulance of a child, "apart for ever more."

"No, by heaven, not apart, but together. But how it is going to be done I know not. Who will tell Peter?"

"Why, I will tell him, of course. It is I, and not you, who have wronged him. That he persecuted me into a promise does not lessen the sum of my dishonor. My heart was never colder to him than at the moment when I promised to marry him. And when I told him it must be soon or never he might have guessed."

"I know my cousin's temper," said Rankine, gloomily once more. "It is high, and hasty, and vindictive, too. He will never forgive me; and it is he who will blame to the day of doom. I will take the blame gladly, Carlotta. I will tell Peter to-day, though it will be a sorry Sunday's work."

She shook a decisive head.

"I forbid you. This thing is mine, and we must part here until—until, or, perhaps, for ever."

(To be continued.)

The Same Wish.

The schoolmistress was about to dismiss the class for the holidays.

"Now, children," she said, "I hope that you will have a very pleasant time, and, what is more important, that you will all come back with a bit of sense in your heads."

Promptly came the chorus of voices, "Same to you, miss."

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Time.

If I were standing on the steps of Time

And they stretched clear before me,

up and down,

Would I press forward then, eager to climb

The topmost stair, to reach for memory's crown,

Or would I rather rest, life's humble clown,

Content on my own steps to hear the chime

Of friendly bells in some not too sub-

lime,

Some long remembered, lower-lying town?

God knows how I might choose, if I

had choice,

Or, having chosen, how the choice

might be;

But this I know, and knowing it re-

joice—

Though I must wait for Time, not

Time for me,

Yet he, too, is God's creature, and his

passing breath

Awakes no echo in the corridors of Death.

—L. S. G.

Discovered.

A minister who was officiating for the service at the church of the holding farm in Western Canada, in the Canadian Pacific, was standing on the steps of the church, and the people were gathered around him.

He was a man of middle age, with a kind face, and a gentle manner.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day, you know, dear children, is Christ's day, Christ's birthday, and I want to tell you why we love it so much, and why we try to make every one happy when it comes each year.

A long, long time ago—more than nineteen hundred years—the baby Christ was born on Christmas Day; a baby so wonderful and so beautiful, who grew up to be a man so wise, so good, so patient and sweet, that every year, the people who know about him love him better and better, and are more and more glad when his birthday comes again. You see that he must have been very good and wonderful; for people have always remembered his birthday, and kept it lovingly for nineteen hundred years.

He was born, long years ago, in a land far, far across the sea.

Before the baby Christ was born, Mary, his mother, had to make a long journey with her husband, Joseph. They made this journey to be taxed or counted; for in those days this could not be done in the town where people happened to live, but they must be numbered in the place where they were born.

In that far-off time, the only way of travelling was on a horse, or a camel, or a good patient donkey. Camels and horses cost a great deal of money, and Mary was poor; so she rode on a quiet, safe donkey, while Joseph walked by her side, leading him and leaning on his stick. Mary was very young and beautiful, I think, but Joseph was a great deal older.

People dress nowadays, in those distant countries, just as they did so many years ago, so we know that Mary must have worn a long, thick, dress, falling all about her in heavy folds, and that she had a soft white veil over her head and neck, and across her face. Mary lived in Nazareth, and the journey they were making was to Bethlehem, many miles away.

They were a long time travelling, I am sure; for donkeys are slow, though they are careful, and Mary must have been very tired before they came to the end of their journey.

They had travelled all day, and it was almost dark when they came near to Bethlehem, to the town where the baby Christ was to be born. There was the place they were to stay—a kind of inn, or lodging-house, but not at all like those you know about.

They have them to-day in that far-off country, just as they built them so many years ago.

It was a low, flat-roofed, stone building, with no window and only one large door. There were no nicely-furnished bedrooms inside, and no soft white beds for the tired travellers; there were only little places built into the stones of the wall, something like the berths on steamboats nowadays, and each traveller brought his own bedding. No pretty garden was in front of the inn, for the road ran close to the very door, so that its dust lay upon the doorsill. All around the house, to a high, rocky hill at the back, a heavy stone fence was built, so that the people and the animals inside might be kept safe.

Mary and Joseph could not get very near the inn; for the whole road in front was filled with camels and donkeys and sheep and cows, while a

great many men were going to and fro, taking care of the animals. Some of these people had come to Bethlehem to be counted, as Mary and Joseph had done, and others were staying for the night, on their way to Jerusalem, a large city a little further on.

The yard was filled, too, with camels and sheep; and men were lying on the ground beside them, resting, and watching, and keeping them safe. The yard was so full and the yard was so full of people, that there was no room for anybody else, and the keeper had to take Joseph and Mary through the house and back to the high hill, where they found another place that was used for a stable. This had only a door and a front and deep caves were behind, stretching far into the rocks.

This was the spot where Christ was born. Think how poor a place—but Mary was glad to be there, after all; and when the Christ-child came, he was like other babies, and had so lately come from heaven that he was happy everywhere.

There were mangers all around the cave, where the cattle and sheep were fed and great heaps of hay and straw were lying on the floor. Then, I think, there were brown-eyed cows and oxen there, and quiet, woolly sheep, and perhaps even some dogs that had come in to care of the sheep.

And there in the cave, by and by, the wonderful baby came, and they wrapped him up and laid him in a manger.

All the stars in the sky shone brightly that night, for they knew the Christ-child was born, and the angels in heaven sang together for joy. The angels knew about the lovely child, and were glad that he had come to help the people on earth to be good.

There lay the beautiful baby, with a manger for his bed, and oxen and sheep all sleeping quietly round him. His mother watched him and loved him, and by and by many people came to see him, for they had heard that a wonderful child was to be born in Bethlehem. All the people in the inn visited him, and even the shepherds left their flocks in the fields and sought the child and his mother.

But the baby was very tiny, and could not talk any more than any other tiny child, so he lay in his mother's lap, in the manger, and only looked at the people. So after they had seen him and loved him, they went away again.

After a time, when the baby had grown larger, Mary took him back to Nazareth, and there he lived and grew up.

And he grew to be such a sweet, wise, loving boy, such a tender, helpful man, and said so many good and beautiful things, that every one loved him who knew him. Many of the things he said are in the Bible, you know, and a great many beautiful stories of the things he used to do while he was on earth.

He loved little children like you very much, and often used to take them up in his arms and talk to them.

And this is the reason we love Christmas Day so much, and try to make everybody happy when it comes around each year. This is the reason: Because Christ, who was born on Christmas Day, has helped us all to be good so many, many times, and because he was the best Christmas present the great world ever had.

A PLEA FOR SANTA CLAUS

BY ETHEL CLARK BICKEL

Much has been said in the last few years for and against allowing children to believe in Santa Claus. Primary schools besides Sunday Schools have taken up the subject of whether or not it is right to lead little folks into belief in the dear old saint. The first primary teacher in a certain well known school considers it very wrong and tells every one of her children "the real truth" as she sees it, and they rapidly spread the sad news to all their little friends. The superintendent of the Sunday School in another town is of similar opinion, and from every Christmas program in his school all allusion to Santa is omitted. No merry songs of mysterious sleigh-bells are heard there; no little red fireplaces, no tiny stockings ever decorated the stage for festivities in connection with that Sunday School.

I wonder how the readers of these columns feel on this subject? I for one am heartily in favor of Santa Claus. In my childhood, I happened to be one of a family of six children, and we were all told of "Santa" when we were scarcely out of babyhood. The happiness of Christmas time in our home will always be a cherished memory, and it was the "Santa" part of it that made it so joyous, for our gifts were never costly, in fact, compared with the toys that little folks receive nowadays, they were almost insignificant.

As for the "terrible disillusionment" that is so often suggested as the natural outcome of telling children of Santa Claus, we never suffered any such misfortune. As we grew older, and began to question, our mother explained to us very beautifully the real meaning of the dear old saint. "Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas, somewhat as Jack Frost is the spirit of cold and frost," she told us. "Santa is the soul of good cheer and merriment, the spirit of loving and giving." Very easily she made us understand why we had been led to believe in him

just to make Christmas time more bright and gay. Following her explanation, we were always ready to help foster the belief in younger children.

Now I have a little daughter of my own. Her father and I led her to believe in "Santy," for surely we should have been selfish parents had we deprived her of a joy that had meant so much to us. The year that Barbara was eight years old, I explained to her about "Santy." "Oh, Mother," she exclaimed happily, when she understood it all, "now this year I'll be Santa Claus to John and Herbert and Little Mary Elizabeth!" You see how thoroughly she grasped the meaning, No disillusionment, no feeling of having been hoodwinked!

Once, when Barbara was only a little over four, some child tried to shake her belief. "Well, of course," answered Barbara, "if you don't believe in Santy Taus, there jus' isn't any Santy for you, that's all!" Her father later confirmed her reply, and the danger of having to tell her at that tender age was averted.

I have never favored "dressing up" to imitate Santa. Rather do I favor the keeping of his personality delightfully mysterious and vague. Let the kiddies get their impressions of the jolly old fellow from colored pictures and verbal descriptions rather than from masked men. Then, when the time of revelation comes, one can make the story more charming by comparing Santa's red cheeks to the bright Christmas holly, his white beard to the snow and frost; his little fat form may be symbolic of laughter and jollity, and so on. Even his mysterious method of coming down the chimney may be made to symbolize the fascinating secrecy of the Christmas tide.

People whose birthdays fall on Christmas Day are supposed to be lucky all their lives.

A Child's Song of Christmas.

My counterpane is soft as silk,
My blankets white as creamy milk,
The hay was soft to Him, I know,
Our little Lord of long ago.

Above the roof the pigeons fly
In silver wheels across the sky.
The stable-doves, they cooed to them
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.

Bright shines the sun across the drifts,
And bright upon my Christmas gifts,
They brought Him incense, myrrh and gold,
Our little Lord who lived of old.

O, soft and clear our mother sings
Of Christmas joys and Christmas things,
God's holy angels sang to them,
Mary and Christ in Bethlehem.

Our hearts they hold all Christmas dear,
And earth seems sweet and heaven seems near.
Oh, heaven was in His sight, I know,
That little Child of long ago.

—Marjorie L. C. Pickthall.

Scrapbook Sets.

For the small members of families whom I am to remember at Christmas-time I am making some rather unique gifts. I have saved, pressed and cut into sheets, twelve by twenty inches, all the heavy wrapping paper that has come to the house the past few months. Then I made gingham-covered cardboard covers for each book. Through the centre of the cover on the inside I stitched a piece of heavy khaki cloth one inch wide, making my stitching come exactly in the centre of both strip and book cover to reinforce my binding. With an ice pick for a punch, I made three holes through one cover and strip, spacing them properly to accommodate the fasteners. I allowed fifteen sheets to a book, fastening them with paper fasteners, with the points on the inside of the book. This makes thirty pages to a book.

With this box will go a small box of crayolas, a small pair of kinder-



garten scissors and a small tube of library paste. Some of them will be placed in paper bags and other sets will be given in boxes covered with pretty wall paper or holly paper.

Song for Christmas.

Chant me a rhyme for Christmas—
Sing me a joyful song—
And though it is filled with laughter,
Let it be pure and strong.

Sing of the hearts brimmed over
With the story of the day—
And the echo of childish voices
That will not die away.

Of the blare of tasseled bugles,
And the timeless clatter and beat
Of the drum that throbs the muster
Of squadrons of scampering feet.

And oh! let your voice fall fainter
Till blend with a minor tone
You temper your song with the beauty
Of the pity Christ hath shown.

And sing one verse for the voiceless,
And yet are the song be done
The verse for the ears that hear not
And a verse for the sightless one.

For though it be time for singing
A merry Christmas glee,
Let a low sweet voice of pathos
Run through the melody.

—Jas. Whitcomb Riley.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

When You Use a Thermometer They Can Not Fail.

BY ANNA COYLE.

Probably the most important factor in candy making is the time at which it is taken from the stove. The question so important to decide is when it has reached the soft ball stage? The candy thermometer decides this question with accuracy and insures uniform fudge of creamy texture, not just once in a while but every time.

CHRISTMAS FUDGE.

Two c. sugar, 1 c. milk, 2 tbsp. corn syrup, 2 squares chocolate, 2 tbsp. butter, ½ tsp. vanilla.

Put the sugar, milk and corn syrup into a saucepan and cook slowly, stirring often to prevent scorching. Cut the chocolate in small pieces and stir into the candy mixture when almost done. Continue cooking, stirring frequently, until the necessary temperature of 236 deg. F. is reached.

Remove from the stove, add butter and vanilla and set aside to cool without stirring.

When the fudge has cooled to a temperature of 110 deg. F. or lukewarm, beat until the fudge has lost its sticky consistency and shiny appearance. One-half cup of black walnuts, English walnuts or pecans may be added just before the beating is finished.

Pour out in greased pan or platter to cool. The mass should be from one-half to an inch thick, creamy and fine grained and not too smooth or glossy on top.

TAFFY APPLES.

Two c. sugar, ½ c. corn syrup, 1 c. wafer, few drops red coloring, 1 doz. apples, 1 doz. skewers, few drops cinnamon flavoring.

Select bright red apples of uniform size, wash and dry. Insert the skewer in the blossom end. Put the sugar, corn syrup and water in a saucepan and cook, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking without stirring until a temperature of 300 deg. F. is reached. Sugar crystals that form on the side of the pan during cooking may be washed off with a small piece of cloth tied to the tines.

Pull until quite firm and of a light creamy color. Cut into pieces and wrap in oiled paper.

FRUIT-AND-NUT CONFETION.

Not everyone can eat or cares for sugar candy. For these and for children, this fruit-and-nut confetion is a perfect substitute.

Chop fine—chopping is better than grinding—figs, dates, citron, stoned or seeded raisins, a little lemon and orange peel, English and black walnuts, almonds, pecans. Use these ingredients in any preferred proportion—some like more nuts, less figs, more or less peel and so on. Peanuts are not best for this mixture. Moisten to taste with lemon and orange juice. Mix thoroughly. Shape in balls or "croquettes" and roll in confectioner's sugar. Or, pack hard into a shallow pan and cut in slices. Serve on plate or wrap individual pieces in wax paper.

MOLASSES TAFFY.

One c. white sugar, 1 c. brown sugar, 2 c. molasses, ¾ c. water, 3 tbsp. butter, ½ tsp. salt.

Put the sugar, molasses and water in a saucepan and cook slowly, stirring frequently. Cook to a temperature of 256 deg. F. Remove from the fire, add soda and salt and stir. Pour into a greased pan and let stand until cool enough to handle.

Pull until quite firm and of a light creamy color. Cut into pieces and wrap in oiled paper.

FRUIT-AND-NUT CONFETION.

Not everyone can eat or cares for sugar candy. For these and for children, this fruit-and-nut confetion is a perfect substitute.

Chop fine—chopping is better than grinding—figs, dates, citron, stoned or seeded raisins, a little lemon and orange peel, English and black walnuts, almonds, pecans. Use these ingredients in any preferred proportion—some like more nuts, less figs, more or less peel and so on. Peanuts are not best for this mixture. Moisten to taste with lemon and orange juice. Mix thoroughly. Shape in balls or "croquettes" and roll in confectioner's sugar. Or, pack hard into a shallow pan and cut in slices. Serve on plate or wrap individual pieces in wax paper.

But all their gentle, sleepy flock

Looked up, then slept again,

Nor knew the light that dimmed the stars

Brought endless peace to men;

Nor even heard the gracious words

That down the ages ring;

"The Christ is born, the Lord has come,

Good will on earth to bring!"

Then o'er the moonlit, misty fields,

Dumb with the world's great joy,

The shepherds sought the white-walled

town,

Where lay the baby boy.

And, oh, the gladness of the world,

The glory of the skies,

Because the longed-for Christ had smiled.

In Mary's happy eyes!

THE CRACKER FAIRY

A Charming Little Christmas Story for the Children to Read

Once upon a time there lived a little girl whose name was Peggy. She was a dear little girl, and everybody loved her. Her father and mother were not very rich, and they lived in a wee cottage that stood a long way from any other house.

So it was not often that Peggy had playmates. She was only six years old, and not nearly big enough to walk to the school which was three miles away.

On Saturdays Peggy went to town in father's cart. While he was busy in the market, friends of Peggy's would take her to see the shops, or to have tea in their homes.

THE FAIRY'S PLEA.

Now it was getting near Christmas, and, every Saturday, Peggy's first thought on reaching town was the shop in which beautiful Christmas things were being shown. In the bottom corner of the window stood a wonderful box of crackers. Great big, big crackers, which had fairies and goblins made of crinkly paper stuck on the outside.

Peggy longed to have just one of those crackers.

"Please, how much is the box of crackers—that big box in the corner shopman one Saturday."

"Two dollars and a half, my dear," said the shopman.

Peggy's face grew sad. As she turned away, the man said that he would sell her just one for a quarter.

Yes, father was quite willing to give his Peggy a quarter. How happily she sped back to the shop! The little friends who were with her could hardly keep up with her fleet steps.

And how they looked at each other! How hard it was for Peggy to make up her mind which she would have! One wee fairy in a white crinkly dress seemed to say:

"Buy me, little girl—do buy me!"

ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON.

So Peggy bought her. Carefully she carried her parcel to the cart. And carefully she nursed it all the way home. Mother wondered what her little girl had, so carefully did the child walk into the cottage.

Christmas Day came along. Father Christmas brought Peggy some presents, but not the one present she wanted most of all—a baby brother or sister to play with!

It was lonely without anyone small to play with. Father often crawled on the floor, and pretended he was a lion or an elephant; but, still, it wasn't the same as having a real boy or girl to pretend all sorts of lovely things with.

On Christmas afternoon Peggy took out her cracker. It was so beautiful that she felt she could not bear to pull it with father. She drew her wee chair up to the fire and nursed the cracker on her lap. She fell asleep and in her sleep managed to loosen the crinkly fairy.

"Buy me, little girl—do buy me!"

The elves made a great fuss as they cleared the cottage table, and laid a silken mat and silken cushions upon it. When all was ready, one elf went to the keyhole and gave a long, low whistle. An owl came flying down the chimney. He settled himself on the table.

Then the elf led the fairy to the owl, and he solemnly married them. Peggy had hard work not to laugh, because the owl wore big spectacles which kept on coming off his funny beak, and some of the elves tittered right out. But the owl took no notice.

After the fairies and elves danced, the owl sat and blinked, the King and Queen held each other's hands. Then, with a "Good-bye, kind, kind Peggy!" they all flew up the chimney.

"I expect that the Queen has gone to her palace to change her frock. Fancy being married in a paper frock, mother!" cried Peggy.

For nights and nights Peggy dreamed of the fairies. I expect the fairies really came and whispered the dreams in her ears, so thankful were they that she had set their Queen free.

When in Doubt, Throw it Out.

If anyone doubts the need of reform in the marketing of apples, let him go into any market in the fall, particularly after there has been a wind storm, and see the fruit that is sent in for sale. Some of it is good, much of it would perhaps be marketable if graded and handled right, but altogether too large a percentage of it ought never to have left the farm—at least not in a fresh condition.

These poor grades of apples, handled in this way, are a serious detriment to our business.

The remedy lies first of all, of course, in better methods of growing our apples so that there will be fewer poor grades.

Second, in handling, grading and packing them better, so that they shall arrive on the market in better condition.

And lastly, in marketing more of them in some other form than in the fresh condition.

In the meantime, and as a starter, let us adopt this autumn in our apple packing the slogan that was in use in some sections last year:

"When in doubt, throw it out."

Plowing Match.

The old time student plowing match was revived by the Agronomy Club of the O.A.C. and a competition staged on Saturday afternoon, October 25th.

This event took the form of an inter-year competition, four classmen from each year participating. The scoring was done under the rules of the Ontario Plowmen's Association by a board of three judges. The aggregate of the four men from each class made up the year total.

It's Time to Purchase—

YOUR CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

We are receiving fresh supplies daily of all the fresh fruits, Raisins, Currants, Dates, Peel, Nuts, that go to make up the Christmas Cake and you will benefit by purchasing here.

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Burnbrae News

Bill Hume and Alex Linn returned home from Toronto with the carload of Ayrshire cattle last Thursday from the Winter Fair. They were well pleased with their success.

Mrs. Eagleson and Mrs. Thompson were visiting Mrs. Geo. Third, Campbellford last week who has recently returned from a five months' trip to the coast.

Miss Nellie Bennett from Peterboro Normal was home over the week-end.

Mrs. T. J. Ketcheson left last week for Toronto.

Misses Harriet Little and Myrtle Forde returned home last Saturday from a three months' trip west.

Miss Freda Hay spent a few days last week with Miss Luella Grills.

Miss Eloise Watson, Belleville was home over the week-end.

Mrs. Wm. Rannie is staying with her

daughter, Mrs. Roy Walker who is ill with pneumonia.

Minto News

Mr. Murney Johnston spent Sunday with Mr. Fred Kingston.

Miss Annie Morgan spent Sunday in Allan's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Green visited Mr. Paul Sharp on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bateman of Amherst Island are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and family spent Sunday with Mr. C. McMaster.

Mr. Charles Morgan visited Mr. M. Anderson on Sunday.

Until breeders mate animals whose factors determining producing ability are known to be for high production only, they are going to get many low and medium producers from parents that are from high producing ancestry.

on Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. Jack Courtney, his mother, Mrs. W. J. Tanner and Mrs. Hogle spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Mrs. Annie Morgan has returned home from visiting friends in Springfield.

Mrs. Beatrice Hogle has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grills, Campbellford.

Mr. Philip Vance spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bateman of Springbrook spent Friday evening with Mr. George McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster and family also Mr. J. Reynolds motored to Malone to visit Mrs. McMaster's sister, Mrs. J. Nickel on Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Sine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sine.

Revival Services are being held at Salem and will continue next week.

Raising Ducks.

After hatching, in about one day's time, place before them bread and milk mixed together, and a pan of sand and water. Be sure your ducklings get sand and water at starting. Ducks will thrive if water is before them all the time. It is their nature to want water. After a few days on bread and milk add bran or fine corn meal or fine cracked corn to the bread and milk. Always use milk to mix duck feed.

As the ducks grow older feed cracked corn and wheat. At younger age corn bread and milk is good for a change in feed. Let the ducks have green feed also. If you do not want them out of pens gather green feed yourself for them. Do not keep ducks shut up except at night. Let them in the creek and watch them to keep crows away. Be careful of turtles in creeks also.

When ducks are nearly feathered out feed whole corn mixed with some cracked corn. Then at last whole corn and wheat altogether. They will not want to eat it at first, but do not feed them too much and they'll eat it. Feed ducks three times a day, like ourselves.

Keep their drinking water as clean as possible. They want water right beside them when they eat. Ducks can swim in a few weeks if you stay and watch them, allowing them to be in water only a few minutes. Do not let ducks sleep in a muddy or damp pen.

To a considerable extent, on the ram and his condition depend the quality, condition and vitality of the lamb crop. Everything possible should be done to maintain his thrift at the highest point, especially during the breeding season.

There might be an excuse for using an inferior sow if you already have her on the place, but we can not think of one single excuse for ever using an inferior sire.

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FIGHT THE CORN BORER

How to Deal With This Very Troublesome Pest

Plough the Field Thoroughly—Leave Stubble and All Other Remnants Buried—Grow Dent Corn Instead of Flint—Try a Trap Crop.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The methods of control are simple, inexpensive and not contrary to good farm practices, says Prof. L. Caesar of the Department of Entomology, Ontario Agricultural College. To get a clear idea of this pest it is necessary to keep in mind that the borers winter over and remain until the end of May in any part of the corn plant above ground large enough to conceal them. Hence they will be found in the stalks, stubble, cobs, or any remnants of the crop left in the field or elsewhere. They will also be to some extent in stout weeds growing among the corn. Control measures, therefore, consist mainly in so treating these that the borers will be destroyed. If there is a silo this is easy, for all that is necessary is to cut the crop low, ensile it, plough the stubble under completely and not drag it up again when cultivating. The cutting knives and fermentation kill all the borers that go into the silo, and the ploughing destroys all left in the field, provided everything is kept beneath the surface.

Plough the Field Thoroughly.

If there is no silo, or if the silo will not hold all the corn, the task is sometimes a little harder. In such cases the field must be thoroughly ploughed after the crop has been removed. In addition some method must be practiced of disposing of the stalks and ears or cobs. The best plan is to run all of them through a cutting-pow or shredder, feed the cattle all they will eat, throw the remainder into the manure and haul this out and plough it under before the end of May. If for any reason the stalks are fed whole, the uneaten portion should not be thrown out into the manure, but should be kept separate and drawn out and burned. It is better to burn the remnants than to plough them under, because it is hard to cover them completely with the plough. The great point to keep in mind is that no stalks, pieces of stalks or even cobs should be left above ground in the field or along fences or in the barn or the barnyard or anywhere else. Moreover, all burning or ploughing must be completed by the end of May, for otherwise the borers will change into moths, fly around, and lay their eggs. (The moths appear in June and July).

Leave Stubble and Other Remnants Buried.

Ploughing down of the stubble and other corn remnants plays a great part in the control of the borers, but to be effective what is ploughed under must not be dragged up again when cultivating the field, but must be left buried, for if they are dragged up many borers will escape destruction. An example of this occurred this year in a field in Elgin County, where much of the ploughed stubble was dragged up by a toothed cultivator. In this field over 10,000 living borers were found. If the stubble had been left covered almost every borer would have perished. Hence the cultivation of the field should not be done with a toothed implement but with a disc, and a disc drill, if possible, used in sowing. Should, however, some of the stubble be brought up it will pay well, and will not take much time to pick and burn it.

The ploughing should be done with a wide-burden plough, and should be to a depth of at least six inches. It may be done either in the fall or the spring, but if in the fall the earlier the better.

Often the stubble cannot be covered completely unless it is first rolled or disc'd, or both rolled and disc'd, or in some cases unless a split log or leveller is run over it to break it off or loosen or pull it apart. This is especially true when the corn has been planted in hills or has been cut high or beaten down by storms.

Grown Dent Corn and Not Flint.

In the parts of the country where the borers are numerous it will be advisable for a time to grow dent corn instead of flint, because it is stouter and so withstands attacks better.

A Trap Crop Will Be of Benefit.

It will also help greatly in such places if a trap crop of flint—for example, Smutnoe—consisting of about a dozen rows is planted about the middle of May and the planting of the main crop postponed until June 1st or as late as possible without running any risk. The moths then will lay their eggs chiefly on the early corn and leave the main crop largely uninfested. The trap rows should be cut low in August and fed to the cattle and the borers present thus destroyed.

The above measures involve only a small amount of extra work for any farmer. The corn crop is well worth this, and therefore we hope the farmer will gladly do his part and encourage his neighbor to do likewise. Now that control measures have been discovered and made possible the problem of saving the industry lies with the farmers themselves.

When horses went out of fashion in some parts of the country, they took horse sense with them.

It isn't always necessary to rebuild a farm home to make it more attractive. Paint and shingle will work wonders.

A good farm paper is a cheap and effective correspondence school of agriculture. You can get more genuine good for your money in subscribing to a worthy agricultural paper than anywhere else in the world.

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WATER IN FARM HOUSES

Hints About Installing In the Rural Household

The Compression System—What You May Enjoy With This Method—The Agricultural College Will Help You—Raising Ducks.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

There are two main sources of farm water supply, namely, well and spring (both hard water) and rain water (soft). Anyone thinking of installing a modern water system and plumbing in his home should make sure that his water supply is both plentiful and safely protected from all possible sources of contamination. Much more water will be used daily under modern than under old conditions of service, about 30 gallons per person per day.

The College Will Help You.

Ask the O. A. College to assist you in solving the following problems in this matter of water supply:

1. How to increase the well and spring supplies of water.

2. How to safeguard these supplies from surface contamination.

3. How to make more use of the rain water supply.

4. How to get fine spring water running through your house and stables by installing the hydraulic ram near the spring.

Pumping and carrying water by hand is too expensive at modern rates of wages, is very inconvenient, and is wasteful of time and energy. No one likes the job. It is rapidly going out of date wherever people are getting acquainted with the more modern pumping and supply systems.

The Compression System.

The Compression System is the most popular one to-day. The idea is this: The hard or soft water, as the case may be, is pumped into a large strong air-tight metal tank to about two-thirds full. The water compresses the original air in the tank, and thereby produces sufficient pressure to force the water out of the tank through a pipe line that connects to the sinks, closet, bathtub, etc., in the house. The pump may be driven by hand, gasoline engine, windmill or electric motor or any available power. The last named means is the preferable one because the pumping is carried on automatically, is quiet in operation, economical of space, and a fresh water line that supplies water direct from the well for drinking purposes may be installed.

The style and size of the pump required depends on whether the well is shallow or deep. The size of the tank depends on the amount of water required about the place. An outfit large enough for the ordinary-sized family or household costs about \$175.00, piping, connecting system to well and to the various fixtures in the house being extra.

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in your home. That means hard and soft water on tap in the kitchen, bath (tub or shower or both), and an indoor sanitary water closet, which will

Ivanhoe

Owing to someone's good planning Ivanhoe subscribers are getting their News-Argus in much better time. It arrives now on Friday and formerly it did not reach us till Saturday or Monday. We all appreciate the service.

Miss Lillian Mitz of Peterboro Normal spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Will Duggan of Peterboro spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wood of town and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ashley of West Huntington were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wood.

Our young people are preparing their program for a Christmas entertainment.

The pastor, Rev. E. M. Cooke gave some splendid echoes from the Centenary Celebration at the service here on Sunday evening.

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DISTRICT Dairy Meeting

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Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1924

Under auspices of

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Chief Dairy Instructor, and

J. L. IRWIN

Dominion Dairy Produce Grader, will speak.

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Resolution Passed re Liquor Exports

W. Hastings Temperance Forces Take
Exception to Ruling of Minister of
Customs and Excise

"On to Ottawa," a slogan of the Temperance forces since the Plebiscite in October is being applied by the Hastings Prohibition Union. At a meeting of the West Hastings Prohibition Union held in Belleville last Thursday afternoon, the following resolution which was presented by Rev. N. S. McKechnie of Belleville and seconded by W. H. Nobes of Sidney was carried unanimously.

Whereas licenses to manufacture alcoholic beverages within the province of Ontario have recently been granted by the Dept. of Customs and Excise of the Dominion of Canada without consultation with the Government of the Province of Ontario and, whereas, the Minister of Customs and Excise, Hon. Jacques Bureau has recently declared, according to press reports, that in the case of export shipments, by water of alcoholic liquors the Dept. of Customs and Excise has no concern with the suitability of the carrier vessel to take the shipment to its declared destination and whereas, the above act and decision tend to greatly increase the difficulties of enforcing tend to greatly increase the difficulties of enforcing the laws of this province under the Ontario Temperance Act.

Be it therefore resolved: That we, the members of the West Hastings Prohibition Union, assembled in Belleville, Ont., this fifth day of December 1924 do hereby place on record our deep conviction:

First: That so far as the control and regulation of the manufacture and handling of spirituous liquors come under the control of the Federal Government of Canada, it is the duty of the said Government to respect the will and the sentiment of those provinces of Canada which have passed, or may hereafter pass, Prohibitory laws respecting the liquor traffic.

Second: That the acts and decisions of the Dept. of Customs and Excise as recorded in the preamble to this resolution do seriously thwart the will of a large majority of the people of Ontario.

Third: That while Hon. Jacques Bureau Minister of Customs expresses willingness to assume full responsibility for the above acts and decisions, these matters warrant the consideration and decision of the Government of Canada as such, as the said Government must finally accept the responsibility for the decisions of all its Ministers and Departments.

And it is hereby ordered that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Rt. Hon. W. L. M. King, Premier of Canada, to Hon. Jacques Bureau, to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and to Mr. C. E. Hanna, member-elect for West Hastings.

JUDGING TEAM AT OTTAWA

Hastings County Judging Team stood fifth in a total of ten teams that competed at the Ottawa Winter Fair last week. Carleton County carried off the honors with a total of 234 points, while Hastings received 2123 points. Clayton Wright was the "high man" in the Hastings team ranking eighth in a field of 30 men. Edward Drapac was third in Dairy cattle, Clayton Wright was third and R. Williams fifth in Beef cattle.

Mr. Luery Addresses St. Andrew's Guild

The regular meeting of the Guild of St. Andrew's church took place on Monday evening under the leadership of Miss Eva Green. Miss Stella Marshall was in the chair and Miss Hilda Anderson took the scripture reading. A brief but interesting discussion took place on the subject matter of the text, followed by prayer by Miss Green.

Miss Nellie Tulloch rendered a piano solo, following which short accounts of three hymns were read by Misses Georgie Green, Ruth Gibson and Margaret Wood. The main topic of the evening, "David Livingston's great service to Racial Goodwill," was then dealt with in a very interesting and able manner by Mr. George Luery. In summing up Mr. Luery said "Love of humanity is what is needed in the world to-day. Leagues of nations will accomplish nothing unless those in conference have [the] love of humanity in their hearts. We still have slavery to contend against, traffic in drink, opium, etc., and a public sentiment against these evils is the best way of doing away with them."

Mr. Marshall Gives Successful Banquet

Annual Event Thoroughly En-
joyed by Cheesemakers, Box
Co. Employees and others.

Fine Community Spirit

John Marshall, manufacturer and all-around good citizen tendered his annual banquet to the cheese-makers of the district and members of his own staff at his home Tuesday evening. Members of the village council, Rev. C. W. Barrett, Messrs. J. D. Mills H. S. Martin, A. Donnell and Mr. Cornfoot, box manufacturer of Ingarsoll were guests as well.

About forty enjoyed the splended dinner provided by Mrs. Marshall and her corps of assistants. The event was an entire success and demonstrated beyond a doubt that such gatherings can do much to foster a fine community spirit. Following the dinner, the toast to the King was honored in the royal fashion. Then Miss Stella Marshall sang a solo accompanied by Miss Florence Marshall. Miss Stella has a clear sweet voice and her singing was much appreciated.

The toast to The Empire was proposed by A. Donnell and ably responded to by John West Jr.

In a brief informal talk Mr. Marshall stated that the dinner was intended to foster a spirit of friendliness and goodwill among those present. He spoke high words of praise for the quality of the cheese produced in Stirling district and pointed out that approximately 5,000,000 pounds of cheese valued at three quarters of a million dollars had been turned out within a radius of 15 mi. of Stirling this year. His box factory had made nearly 47,000 boxes during the season, which was several thousand more than the previous record, so that the season had been a good one for both cheese and box makers. He concluded by asking the company to rise and drink the health of the cheese makers. Mr. C. F. Linn and Mr. Little responded, thanking Mr. Marshall for his hospitality and for the toast. Mr. Linn took occasion also to speak a word of praise for the cheese makers.

The district produced cheese scoring over 97 per cent. the best in the British Empire and with still greater care on the part of the milk producers he felt that the makers could turn out cheese that would score 100 per cent.

Mr. L. Mickeljohn proposed the toast to the box makers which called forth responses from Messrs. S. Handy, H. Reid and Mr. Cornfoot which were both humorous and thoughtful.

The toast to the village fathers was proposed by G. H. Luery who gave unstinted praise to the Council for the attention and care they gave to the transaction of public business. Reeve C. B. McGuire, Councillor Bailey and Mr. J. D. Mills responded. The genial Reeve spoke of the pleasure he found in working for the good of the community and gave generous praise to his confreres on the Council. Mr. Bailey added a word of thanks to Mr. Marshall and Mr. Mills, a comparative newcomer as he said, referred to the pleasure and satisfaction he found in doing business with the cheese men and farmers of the district.

Mr. Harold Martin proposed the toast to the Ladies and Rev. C. W. Barrett replied in a graceful humorous speech.

The health of the host was proposed by Mr. C. F. Linn and was ably seconded by Messrs. Sam Hatton and H. Morton. After a few words of appreciation from Mr. Marshall the gathering concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Young Farmers Get Course on Swine

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Mr. Ray Atkin and nine boys from the County left for Toronto yesterday morning to attend a three-day educational course in swine. Those in the party were: Kenneth Thompson, Springbrook, Chas. Fargey, Stirling, Elmer Wilson, West Huntingdon, Elmer Wood, Crookston, Garrance Bird, Holloway, Granville Meiklejohn Bonarlaw, Wilfred Spence, Bonarlaw, Reginald Reid, Crookston and Frank Hodgins Latta.

The party will spend the time at the Union Stock Yards where they will be given lectures and demonstrations in feeding swine and preparing bacon for market.

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Standing of Pupils Month of November

Report of Senior Classes Stirling Public School in Order of Merit

THIRD CLASS—Isobel Marlow 79, Gerald Irvine 76, Dorothy Joblin 75, Winifred Ward 75, Vernon Eggleton 74, Ella Kingston 73, George Tulloch 69, Helen Montgomery 68, James Moore 68, Beecher Barrett 67, Pearl Reid 64, Bertha Cranston 63, Harry Meiklejohn 61, Donald Morton 61, Harold Alcombrac 60.
FOURTH CLASS—Florence Faires 88, Louie Faires 86, Patricia Shea 83, Pauline Bailey 80, Helen Bailey 74, Ivan Martin 70, Bernice Belshaw 69, Lorrie Anderson 68, Floyd Gould 68, Harry Cooke 66, Caleb Marshall 64, Muriel McKee 64, Grace McKee 62, Jessie Shadbolt 61, Marie Geary 60, Jack Bailey 56, Ralph Barrett 53.

Returning Officer Issues Final Report

Hanna's official majority in the recent by-election was 412 and he was officially declared elected.

Mr. Walter C. Boardman returning officer in the recent by-election has officially declared Mr. Chas. E. Hanna elected for the House of Commons to represent West Hastings, the official majority being 412.

The following is a summary of the vote by municipalities.

The first column is the total vote cast for Hanna in the afore named place, the second column for Porter, and the third and fourth columns are the majorities for Hanna and Porter.
Bellefonte 3570 2748 622
Sidney 902 829 73
Frankford 241 270 38
Trenton 1395 1287 108
Huntington 221 279 291
Faraday 207 84 123
Wolaston 168 167 1
Herschell 166 46 120
Bancroft 189 176 13
Marmora 180 286 106
Marm. & Lake 255 280 25
Bangor, Wicklow and McClure 212 78 134
Rawdon 534 709 175
Stirling 232 297 65
Deloro 43 125 82
8315 7903 1194 782
Majority for Hanna 412
Total Vote Cast 16,218

Regular Meeting of Epworth League

The meeting of the Epworth League on Monday evening was conducted by Miss Gladys Joblin, leader of the Missionary department.

The programme consisted of an instrumental by Geneva Wright, a recitation by Margaret Walt, and a solo by Dorothy Joblin. Mrs. Barrett gave the Missionary topic, which was taken from the study book entitled "The Clash of Colour." The chapter discussed deals with the clash between the white and yellow races.

Mr. Halpenny announced the Missionary fund to be \$151.00 and that an oratorical contest is being planned for white night in February.

Mr. Joblin put on a number of slides showing the condition of the Indian people in Canada.

The contest was put on. The colour count showed an attendance of 71.

When you have made your first home brew on the kitchen range, just pour a little of it on the sink. If it takes the enamel off, pour it all in the sink.

COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35c each issue.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT—Springbrook Sunday School, Foyers' Hall, Springbrook, on Friday, December 19th. T. J. Thompson, Sup't.

THE S. S. OF THE METHODIST Church will present their annual Concert on Christmas night in the Theatre. In addition to songs, drills, etc., by the S. S., Mr. Cameron of Toronto, a splendid cultured entertainer has been secured. Tickets 50c and 35c.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE Entertainment of St. Mary's Sunday School, Bonarlaw, will be held in the Orange Hall, Springbrook, on Monday, Dec. 22nd. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

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Fire Damages New House on Church St.

The fine new bungalow just erected by Reeve C. B. McGuire on Church St. had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire early last Friday morning. When Mr. Isaac McCann, who is employed at Jetty Thompson's bakery was going to work about five o'clock, he noticed that there was a fire just inside the front door. He roused Mr. Thos. Matthews and Dr. Carleton who live next door and then ran to the fire hall and rang the bell. A big crowd soon gathered but Dr. Carleton and Mr. Matthews had managed to get the fire out before any other help was needed. The fire started in a corner of the front hall and burned a good sized hole in the floor, as well as destroying a portion of the door frame. Workmen who had been busy putting the finishing touches on the building the day before stated that they had cleaned the corner out before leaving the building.

It seems possible that some oil soaked cloth may have been overlooked inadvertently and became ignited by spontaneous combustion. The damage was not serious and was covered by a builder's insurance policy. It will be a few days longer before Mr. Percy McGuire can move in as a result.

Community Hall to Fore at Union School

An important meeting was held in the Union School, Rawdon and Seymour, on Monday evening. The main purpose was to discuss ways and means of erecting a community hall. Mr. F. C. Hart, of the Markets and Co-Operative Branch of the Provincial Government, delivered an address and Mr. Ray Atkins discussed short courses in agriculture. An excellent programme of songs, orchestral music and community singing was provided. About 50 were present and while no decision was reached with respect to the building of a hall, it was decided to hold meetings of an educational nature every Friday during January and February.

St. Andrew's W.M.S. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Rollins on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance.

The various reports were optimistic. There were 40 members and one new life member, and the contributions amounted to \$201.78, slightly less than last year.

There were 29 subscribers to the "Messenger."

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary Presidents—Miss Cosbey, Mrs. Robt. Reid.
President—Mrs. Alex. Fargey.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Thos. Donnan.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Jas. Montgomery.
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. Jos. Reid.
Secretary—Mrs. Chas. Bailey.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. W. Sine.
Strangers' Sec.—Mrs. A. Hammond.
"Messenger" Secs.—Mrs. Nolan, Miss Gena Spy.

Supply Secs.—Mrs. Thos. Montgomery, Mrs. Jas. Montgomery, Mrs. B. Reid.
Press Sec.—Miss Hume.
Organists—Miss Hume and Mrs. Nolan.
Flower Committee—Same as Supply Committee.

Mission Band Supervisors—Mrs. Bissonette, Honorary Supervisor; Mrs. Ernest Ward, Mrs. J. M. Magee, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Williams, Miss Donnan, Mrs. Rollins.

The retiring President, Mrs. Robert Reid, had the office of Honorary President conferred upon her as a slight token of the Auxiliary's appreciation of her faithful and very efficient service rendered oftentimes under great difficulties. Not many Presidents have the same record of attending all but two meetings in six years of service.

Mrs. Luery gave the key note of the meeting when she conducted the Bible reading on "Love," I John, 4:7-13.

Bonarlaw

When Mr. and Mrs. E. Scrimshaw returned to Bonarlaw, from their honeymoon they were serenaded by a large crowd on Thursday night November 20th. They were welcomed by a large crowd of friends and relatives, who brought them many useful gifts of china.

Dad wants a Bath Robe. Get it at Ward's.

High School Players Present "Mr. Bob"

Audience that Filled Opera
House Enjoys Play—Parts
Well Taken.

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What a world of camaraderie there

is such a simple name as "Bob"! "Mr. Bob" is a vain attempt to make it more formal, to give a touch of dignity to a free and easy character whom everybody knows. And every one in Stirling knows "Mr. Bob" now. At least everyone of the 300 or more who attended the Stirling High School entertainment last Thursday evening.

"Mr. Bob" is not a mere man at all but a charming maiden and adept at athletics and gifted with all the comely graces of the modern girl.

The play was much enjoyed by those who saw it. Charlie Halliwell as Philip Royson Charles Halliwell, Robert Brown, Clerk Benson and Benson Burton Haggerty.

Jenkins, Miss Rebeccas Butler, David Lamb, Rebecca Luke, A maiden lady, Evelyn Tolton, Katherine Rogers, Her niece, Blanche Hadley

Marion Bryant, Katherines friend "Mr. Bob" Doris Bailey

Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid Irene Bailey

During the recess between acts the school chorus sang some interesting oldtime melodies in a very creditable fashion. The proceeds netted over one hundred dollars.

Obituary

MRS. ADELIA COOKE

After an illness of several weeks in Belleville hospital, Mrs. Adelia Cooke passed away on Tuesday. Her death was a distinct shock to her friends, as it was thought she was nearing recovery.

Mrs. Cooke was a daughter of the late Peter Martin and had resided in this district all her life. For the past few years she had been employed with Mr. R. P. Culter. She was highly esteemed and will be deeply mourned by many relatives and friends in Stirling and vicinity.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. James Ralph, Front St., to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 Interment will be made in Stirling Cemetery.

MRS. W. A. VANMEER

Mrs. W. A. VanMeer of Trenton died on Monday afternoon following an illness of three months. The funeral took place on Wednesday to Mt. Evergreen cemetery. Mrs. Dan Denry of Stirling is a daughter.

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Belleville Family Sadly Bereaved

Death of Two Highly Esteemed Daughters of Judge and Mrs. Fraleck, Occur Within Three Days.

Miss Madeleine Fraleck, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Fraleck, Moira street west, died December 8th, in the Belleville General Hospital after an illness of some months. She survived her sister, Jessie, less than three days, and the double bereavement which their parents and the family have been called upon to suffer has come as a great shock to their wide circle of friends.

Separated so little in the time of their deaths, in their burial they will not be divided. Arrangements had been made for the funeral of the late Jessie Fraleck to-day but postponement was made so that a double funeral will take place on Wednesday.

The late Madeleine Fraleck was born in Belleville and spent her life here. She was held in the highest esteem by all classes. For some years she had been assistant deputy county court clerk. Miss Fraleck was president of the Women's Canadian Club last year and was widely read in Canadian and English literature and was possessed of rare ability as a literary critic.

Her early death is deeply deplored by members of the club and by all who knew her.

Besides her parents there survive one sister, Miss Helen and one brother, Cecili.—Ontario.

Sidney Young People Meet

A grand rally of all the young people of Sidney township was held at Wallbridge on Tuesday evening. The six Women's Institutes of the township furnished the programme and an excellent lunch. The purpose was to organize for the short courses in agriculture to be held at Wallbridge early in the New Year.

Maple Leaf Mission Band Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Maple Leaf M. Band was held on Mon. Dec. 8th at 4 p.m. The Christmas story and several suitable hymns were read and sung.

The Story of Dick and Mary Louise in the Orient, visiting different Missions of the Canadian Presbyterian Church was continued in the visit to Korea, where many interesting sights and a great many curious habits were seen.

The following Officers were appointed.

President Miss Hume
1st Vice President Onaleah Vanallen
2nd Vice President, Muriel McKee

Treasurer, Mrs. Nolan

Birthday Treasurer, Winnifred Ward

Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Magee

Press Secretary, Mrs. Bissonette

Organists, Thelma Green and Grace McKee.

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ANGLO-GERMAN COMMERCIAL TREATY MOST COMPREHENSIVE IN EXISTENCE

A despatch from London says:—Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, President of the Board of Trade, discussing the terms of the Anglo-German commercial treaty, said that the document was the most comprehensive of any, most-favored-nation treaty now existing. It particularized, it is said, more than any trade treaty up to the present time.

The Board of Trade President stated that the question of reparations was outside the treaty, but that Great Britain maintained that the 26 per cent recovery tax is subject to a revision "provided some alternative method can be produced which has the assent of all the necessary parties and which gives the same amount of cash to the British Government with the same rights of priority."

The speaker added that the British Government was prepared to favorably consider such alternatives.

Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme pointed out that the dominions and colonies have the power to adhere to the treaty whenever they wish, and that there is a provision in the agreement that as long as any dominion gives most-favored-nation treatment to Germany, it should have full rights under the treaty for a period of two years. The

right to give preference under the treaty is maintained intact.

The treaty, he continued, had only been concluded after consultation by the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office with leading shipping and commercial interests and the Federation of British Industries. There was found to be a striking consensus of opinion that such a treaty should be made and it was expected that trade in both countries would be greatly benefited. Germany also would benefit greatly by the removal of discrimination against the employment of Germans, particularly on passenger vessels, which, before the war, employed several thousand Germans as deck hands.

There were a few exceptions made in granting most-favored-nation treatment, it was said, such as where there were already existing agreements with other nations and where Germany had already made trade concessions to other nations under the agreements signed as a result of the war.

Under the treaty, the speaker concluded, Germans and Englishmen were granted mutual rights in respect to person and property in each other's territory. This will now allow the Germans to reopen vast numbers of banks and commercial houses which flourished in London before the war.

SETTELL SENTENCED FOR THREE-YEAR TERM

Jury Reduces Charge and Finds Him Guilty of "Attempted Theft."

A despatch from Hamilton says:—Paying for his mad escape of last October when he cashed a Hydro cheque here for \$29,925 and subsequently fled for the United States border, E. Clarence Settell, former private secretary to Sir Adam Beck was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by Judge Evans in the County Court.

Settell was charged with the theft of the money from the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The jury, however, exercised the prerogative it had in the case and found Settell guilty of attempted theft instead of theft.

Sentence will be retroactive from the date on which Settell was arrested at Niagara Falls on Oct. 3. He took the sentence calmly and did not flinch when Judge Evans pronounced the words which will banish him from his fellows for three years.

The jury deliberated for almost two hours. When it returned and its verdict was announced as "Guilty," Crown Attorney Ballard moved that sentence be imposed.

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Viscount Lord Robert Cecil will be the first of Premier Baldwin's ministers to visit America, spending most of his time in Washington with President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes discussing a plan for a disarmament conference.

Italians Make "Raid" in Smallest of Dirigibles

A despatch from Rome says:—The Italian air force has announced the first successful "raid" of what is claimed as the world's smallest dirigible. An airship called "MR," which has been hovering over Rome in various trials, made a voyage from Rome to Jesi over the Apennines in five hours.

"MR" was built in Italy, is about 100 feet long and twenty-four feet in diameter, and is propelled by a forty horsepower motor and manned by two officers.

Cows Devour Church in Australian Wilds

The Church of Thargomindah, in the wilds of Western Queensland, has been eaten by cows, says a London despatch.

A drought has dried up the grass and made them very hungry. During the night they demolished the church walls, made of mud and dried grass, and were found in the morning finishing their meal after having overthrown the altar while eating the dried grass out from the caked mud.

Grain shipments from the head of the lakes are now gradually reaching the peak and exports during the next few weeks should tax the facilities of the port of Fort William. At the present time shipments from this port amount to approximately 2,250,000 bushels a day.

PLOT AGAINST LIVES OF BRITISH MINISTERS DISCOVERED IN EGYPT

A despatch from London says:—The British Cabinet Ministers have been placed under special police protection, according to The Daily Mail. The precaution has been taken because of information received from the headquarters of Viscount Allenby, British High Commissioner in Egypt, that a plot had been discovered to assassinate prominent members of the British Government.

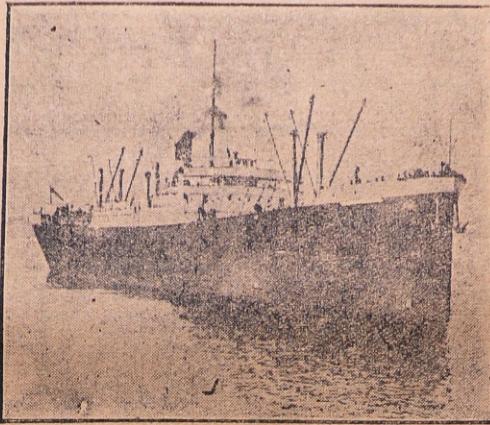
The Home Secretary attached so much importance to the information that he immediately ordered, according to the paper, certain of his Cabinet colleagues to be guarded day and night by armed police in plain clothes.

There is every indication, The Daily Mail says, that the plot is the outcome of propaganda fomented by the Wafid—the executive of the Egyptian

Nationalists' organ whose emissaries are spread throughout Europe, including England.

The discovery has impressed the authorities with the necessity of increasing the police force of England, especially in London, which had been greatly reduced through the economic reforms set up by the committee of which Sir Eric Geddes was the head. Recent disclosures regarding alien and Communist activities in Great Britain have rendered such an increase imperative, adds The Mail, and Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, is determined to add to the number.

Many more detectives than usual were present at Albert Hall on Thursday night to protect the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet who attended the meeting there.



C. G. S. CANADIAN PIONEER

Which is alleged to have rammed the Belgian steamer Alexandre in the river Scheldt. The Pioneer was able to proceed to Antwerp under her own steam.

Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Over 50,000 net per pound in Saskatchewan and sacks of potatoes containing about 24½ cents per pound in Manitoba, net 150,000 bushels, were shipped by at their stations, was received by steamers from this port in one week. Farmers of the two provinces for their shipments were made to the United States, England and Cuba. In addition large shipments were made to the States by rail. Since October 20, the Potato Growers' Association has sent from the province over 100,000 sacks of potatoes, two-thirds of which were for seed.

Halifax, N.S.—Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year. The number of autos entering the province during the tourist season by all gateways was approximately 11,100.

Edmonton, N.B.—A new industry will be in operation here shortly. It is an electrically operated finishing mill, which is being established by Fraser Companies, Limited, to plane and otherwise finish hardwood products of their new mill at Quisibis. Halifax, N.S.—Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people left approximately \$7,500,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent over the previous year. The number of autos entering the province during the tourist season by all gateways was approximately 11,100.

Montreal, Que.—Announcement is made that a local syndicate will undertake at once the construction of possibly the largest apartment building in the British Empire, to be located on one of the best residential streets of the city at a cost of \$3,500,000. The building will be constructed along the lines of the old chateaux of France, will accommodate 135 large apartments, and will be completed by next autumn.

Grimbsy, Ont.—Between 40,000 and 50,000 cans of Keiffer pears are being put up daily in the two canning establishments here. Both factories will continue this output for the next month. Much of this fruit is on order for export to Britain.

Winnipeg, Man.—Twenty-four cents

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Why the Chinese Are So Calm.

One of the most noticeable characteristics of the Chinese, says Mr. Nevil O. Winter in Travel, is their passive indifference. They marvel at the nervousness and excitability of foreigners.

"I remember one hot day," says the writer, "when a party of us were crossing the hills in chairs. The way was rough and steep, the work for the coolies severe. At the highest point of our journey we stopped for ten minutes to let the men rest. Instantly they all sat in a row, brought out their pipes and began to laugh among themselves as if they had not a care in the world. In any country that had learned the virtue of forethought they would have devoted the moments to complaining of the heat in order to increase their tip. We, being Europeans, spent the time worrying whether the automobile would be waiting for us at the right place. Well-to-do Chinese would have started a discussion whether the universe moves in cycles or progresses by a rectilinear motion, or they might have set to work to consider whether the truly virtuous man shows complete self-abnegation or may on occasion consider his own interests."

Why are the Chinese so unperturbed by circumstances that apparently threaten their national existence? How can they remain calm when dangers threaten from without and from within? They have learned to wait for the fruition of slow natural processes. They will not be hustled, because nature can never be hurried. Haste means only vexation for yourself and accomplishes nothing. In addition to its other discoveries China has discovered the great art of standing still.

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Thus it is that a Chinaman, sitting with his hands hidden in the wide sleeves of his silk coat, discusses in the most impersonal way and without the slightest suggestion of agitation the ills of his country and its possible conquest. He would receive the news of the occupation of Peking by the enemy in the same unagitated manner. Whatever the present may hold for China he feels certain that the future is secure. It is the same spirit that has prevented China from becoming a disturber in the world. Discontent and aggressiveness would have forced another people living such a hampered existence, to seek an opportunity for betterment. Their very numbers would have made them almost irresistible.

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First snow is fine snow
Slanting down the wind;
Not a twig will hold it,
Not a shelter mold it,
You'd think to see the way they act,
That purity had sinned.

First snow is thin snow,
The meadow's barely salted;
The brook is so preoccupied
With brittle frost lace at its side
It has no thought beyond itself
And cannot feel exalted.

First snow is lost snow!
Each flake a pioneer
That dances down to certain death,
His span of life a frozen breath
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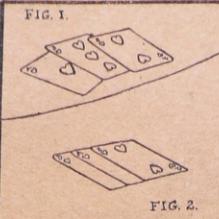


FIG. 2.

This trick has the appearance of being a famous feat of sleight of hand but actually it demands no skill. The ace, the two spot and the three spot of any suit are shown and are placed face down on the table, the spectators being asked to keep track of the ace. The magician mixes the cards a little with the result that the most astute spectator is unable to discover which of the cards is the ace.

The cards are prepared. The figure 3, cut from another card from the same suit, is very neatly pasted over the A on one corner of the ace. The part pasted on should be shaved down very thin and colorless paste should be used. In a like manner an A is pasted over the 3 on one of the three spot.

When the cards are first displayed, show them as in Figure 1, the false pins being hidden. Next, close the cards and turn them around, opening again this time showing the false pins, but not the faces of two of the cards (Figure 2). As you turn the cards face downward, draw the three out and put it on the table. As the spectators see the index of the ace, they take it for granted that this is the ace. The more closely they follow this card, the more they contribute to their own deception. When you pick up the cards, pick them up so that your finger tip hides the false index.

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Winter Bird.

My bird, my darling,
Calling through the cold afternoon!
Those round bright notes,
Each one so perfect
Shaken from the other and yet
Hanging together in flashing clusters!
The small soft flowers and the ripe
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All are gathered.
It is the season now of nuts and berries
And round bright flashing drops
On the frozen grass.

—Katherine Mansfield.

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And if the year has made thee old,
And silvered all thy locks with gold,
Thy heart has never been a cold,
Or known a fading ember.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candies be,
Oh! sing a carol joyfully,

The year's great feast in keeping!

For once, on a December night,
An angel held a candle bright,
And led three wise men by its light
To where a child was sleeping.

—Harriet F. Blodgett.

The Waiter's Favorite Dish.

Three men seated at table at a certain American hotel were discussing their favorite game food. The first declared that nothing could be compared with pheasant. The second preferred partridge. The third was enthusiastic over quail.

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

To have what we want is riches,
but to be able to do without is
power.—GEORGE MACDONALD.

Municipal Elections

This is the season of Municipal elections. Until very recent years practically every municipality in the province held its election during the first week in January. This meant that the campaign had to be carried on during the Christmas week, when everyone is supposed to be in festive mood and consequently not keen on elections. To get away from that many communities are trying an experiment and holding their elections a month earlier. The results so far have not been encouraging. The votes held in December were small. Ottawa made perhaps the best showing, with a fifty per cent vote and Windsor one of the worst, as only about fourteen per cent of the electors exercised their franchise.

It is unfortunate that there is such general apathy toward such an important matter. It is difficult to get good men to stand for municipal office under such conditions. Stirling is sticking to the old plan and nominations will take place on December 29th, with an election a week later if one is necessary.

Grain and Horses Win

Once more Canadian farmers have been carrying off leading prizes at the International Live Stock and Grain Exhibition at Chicago. For the thirteenth time in the fourteen years since the competition was established the world championship for wheat has been carried off by Canada. This year's winner is J. C. Mitchell of Dahinda, Sask., who has won the trophy three times, having been successful in 1919 and 1920 as well.

The winning exhibit was a fine specimen of Marquis Hard Red Spring wheat weighing 64.6 lbs. to the measured bushel. Incidentally, it is worth repeating that Marquis wheat was developed by Dr. Saunders of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. A sample of the wheat was sent to

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Each year you become more dependent on your eyes for work and pleasure. And good sight in middle life, and beyond, depends in a large measure on the care given the eyes earlier in life. Eye strain is a subtle thing, often existing a long time before one realizes that it is present, for the eye works so involuntarily one is not conscious of extra effort being made.

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I will be in Stirling, at the Kerby House, the Third Thursday this month (December 18th). Appointments may be made between the hours of 1 and 5.30 p.m.

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Mr. Mitchell by Dr. Saunders, in 1907. That was the beginning of Mr. Mitchell's success. He was then a newly arrived immigrant from Manchester, England, and he has been a wheat specialist ever since. In addition to raising the world's finest wheat he carried off the sum of \$675.00 in prize money.

Saskatchewan was also successful in carrying off all the stallion championships in the Clydesdale horse division at Chicago. "Wee Donald" a spirited animal owned by C. A. Weaver of Regina was awarded the senior and grand championships, while Dr. Reid, a prominent western veterinary surgeon of Canora won the junior and the reserve grand championships with his entry. Then too, Ontario swept the boards for flint corn, and even Manitoba carried off one important prize for corn in spite of the fact that the middle States were long considered to produce the finest corn in the world.

Quite obviously, Canada is a pretty fair farming country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mayor Mikel of Belleville urges the citizens of the city to send Canadian cheese to their friends in the Old Land at Christmas time. A similar attempt to popularize Canadian apples began a few years ago and has developed into an important business. The spirit of Christmas is becoming more and more commercialized.

The United States removed the duty on Christmas trees from Canada some time ago, and the

result will no doubt be reflected in the volume of exports. It is a commodity the export of which should be prohibited. Shipping out train loads of young trees is poor business for a country whose forests are being rapidly depleted, especially when the price received is a mere fraction of their potential value.

The series of University Extension lectures planned by the High School are well worthy of the support of every thoughtful citizen. The first one will be given by Prof. Sandwell of Queen's University on the evening of Dec. 18th.

LOOKING BACKWARD

FROM NEWS-ARGUS DEC. 7TH, 1899.

We learn that Dr. Bissonnette has purchased the house lately occupied by Mr. Jas. Bygott just west of Mr. Jas. Boldrick's. Mr. Bygott has moved to the house just south of Dr. Zwick's.

The month of November just passed will go on record as one of the mildest ever experienced in Canada. There was scarcely any frost during the month—none at all during the latter half.

At the residence of Jas. Haggerty, Esq. Ex. M.P.P., West Huntingdon on Tuesday, December 5th at 11 a.m., his youngest daughter Alice was united in marriage to Mr. John A. Kerr, Cheese Inspector of Belleville. Rev. Mr. Burton M.A., Anglican minister of Madoc performed the service.

Mr. A. Chard Jr. who has been at Monkland, Ont. for some time has been transferred to Iwanhoe station.

The Daily Round

"My son," said the old gentleman who was giving his boy a little fatherly advice, "just remember there are no short cuts to fame."

"Yes, father."

"Even the baseball star who earns a reputation as a home-run king has to touch all the bases."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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STORE NEWS

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I.

III.
Ye fled from the earthquake
but at evening time it shall be light.—
Zech. 14: 5-7.

I.

It is natural to flee from earthquakes. We dread earthquakes. We think they are catastrophic. We do not see any good in them. Yet the teaching in the section from which we take our text is that after the quake there is quietness; after the darkness there is light. The place that has been shaken is steadfast; the people that have been frightened, are calmed. The Peace of God follows the earthquake.

II.

Earthquakes are not uncommon. Most of us think only of the great earthquakes of Frisco and Tokio. But I read the other day from the pen of a New Zealander that "on the average there is an earthquake every quarter of an hour. About thirty or forty thousand annually. Every few minutes Old Earth seems to shake itself." Earthquakes then seem to be good things—else why so many. You never hear of earthquakes in deserts. The desert would not remain desert if it was shaken. The richest vineyards always grow on the soil that has been fertilised by the fiery deluge of a volcano. Earthquakes are ploughs. That is why we have earthquakes.

III.

Is this why we have earthquakes? Then why fear them? It is well known that in times of war or other upheavals the poetic imagination is at its best. And that in the heats of religious controversy such hymns as "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Lover of my Soul" were written. Matheson wrote "O Love that will not let me go" in a time

of personal earthquake. An earthquake is an eloquent preacher. It sets men to look at their foundations. Earthquakes do little damage to the lowly hut or bamboo structure, but they wreak disaster on castles, palaces and sky-scrappers. The Incas of Peru laughed at the Spaniards who built great structures that would in the earthquake be their sepulchres.

IV.

Poets, as we have seen, need earthquakes in their lives if they are to have that tremendousness that grips men. Singers need earthquakes if their song is to be as "deep calling unto deep." It takes a broken heart to soothe a broken heart. Listen to this: "Rock of ages, cleft for me!" Thoughtlessly the maiden sang. Fell the words unconsciously From the girlish, gleeful tongue. Listen again:—"Rock of ages, cleft for me," Twas a woman sang them now, Pleadingly and prayerfully—Every word her heart did know, Every note with sorrow stirred, Every syllable a prayer, Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee, Preachers need earthquakes! What a pity when the depths of a good man's soul have not been broken up! What a pity his hopes have not been blighted! What a pity his heart has not been shattered! What fiery zeal, what warmth of love, what kindling light is lacking in man who has not rocked and reeled in life's earthquakes. Yes, 'tis true we flee from our earthquakes, but remember that after the rocking and the reeling AT THE EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT.

Madoc Junction

Rev. Mr. White of Eldorado gave his illustrated lecture in the church here one evening recently, quite a number of visitors attended from Fuller, West Huntington and Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitchett visited friends near Minto one day last week.

Miss Grace Vanderwater our school teacher and Miss Mary Fitchett attended the High School concert in Stirling one evening last week.

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Miss Aletha Reide is reported much improved in health lately.
Rev. Mr. Snell of Foxboro occupied the pulpit here on Sunday p.m. and made an earnest appeal for an increase in our savings to missions.
The W. M. S. held their last meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrews, the next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. H. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay entertained some visitors last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Stapley spent Saturday.
Mrs. Bennett has returned from visiting her daughters in Belleville.

Very Honest

Mark Twain was called upon to speak at a club dinner and took for his theme, "Honesty." He said when he was a boy at home he one day saw a cart full of melons. He was a boy—and he was tempted; besides he liked melons.
"I sneaked up to that cart," said Mark, "and I stole a melon. I went into an alley to devour it. But—I had no sooner set my teeth into it than I paused; a strange feeling came over me. I came to a quick resolution. Firmly, I walked up to that cart, placed the stolen melon where I got it from, and took a ripe one."

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Mr. O. F. Linn was called for duty on the jury in Belleville this week.

Mr. Roy Walker and Bert Saries are in Belleville attending the Jury.

Mr. Arthur Rosebush of Trenton spent the weekend the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosebush.

Mrs. Delia Cooke passed away at the General Hospital, Belleville, yesterday.

Miss Myrtle MacMullen, of the staff of the NEWS-ARGUS, is confined to her home this week with a threatened attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Ernest Ward visited friends in Peterboro this week.

The sympathy of the friends of Judge and Mrs. Fraleck go out to them in the loss of their two daughters within three days of one another.

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14a

Miss S. Knox has just received a letter from her brother James in Saskatchewan. He says [they had about two weeks of good sleighing but now it is gone and they are having beautiful weather and the cattle and horses are out on pasture. They had good crops this year.]

Santa Suggests an Overcoat for the boy. See Ward 14a

Rev. Robert Simpson has written the Presbytery of Kingston to state that his health is improving, but not yet to the extent that would enable him to renew his duties as minister.

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Minto News

The pupils of Minto school are practising for a Xmas Concert which will be given at 8 p.m. on Dec. 23rd.

The W. A. met at St. Thomas Church on Dec. 4th to elect new officers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox from Eldersdon spent Thursday with Mr. Mrs. Fred Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mr. and Mrs. G. McMurry visited Mr. Stanley McMurry recently.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Morgan spent Sunday with Mr. Everett Heaths.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McMaster and family were visitors at Mr. Ed. Bateman's Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vance spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman.

Thomas E. Hogue spent Sunday evening with his cousin Harper Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McMurry spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

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About the House

WHY WON'T HE EAT IT?

Mothers can easily understand why their children should have milk, cereals, vegetables, fruits and other wholesome foods. So far as the child is concerned, sometimes this is easier said than done for many mothers ask the question:

"How can I teach my child to eat and to like wholesome foods?"

This is a question that cannot be answered off hand. First of all, let us consider how we have formed our own food habits.

Two people may eat the same food and one of them pronounce it "poisonous," the other "delicious." Both of these persons presumably have the same sort of taste organs and the same sensation is doubtless carried to the brain of each. Yet the sensation is pleasant to one person and disagreeable to the other. How can it be?

The difference lies not in the food, not in the taste organs but in the way each person thinks about it. It takes a psychologist to explain these different mental attitudes but any observing person soon realizes that we like, in general, those foods to which we have been accustomed from our early years. The Chinese like rice and the Italians like macaroni because they are accustomed to these foods, not because of any inherited partiality. An Italian baby brought up in a Chinese family would doubtless grow as fond of rice as a Chinese baby would if macaroni if brought up in an Italian home.

A child is born without habits but begins to develop them at a very early age. As new foods are added to the diet of the child, give small amounts at first to accustom the child to the new flavor. Then gradually increase the amounts and the variety as the powers of taste are developed. The young child will become accustomed to new and wholesome foods so that by the time he is two years old he will have learned to like cereals, milk, eggs, potatoes, bacon and a variety of vegetables.

Not only do we like foods to which we have grown accustomed by long experience, but we easily acquire likes or dislikes by imitation, conscious or unconscious, of those whom we admire. This is true especially of a child's imitation of a parent. If parents set a good example of eating and liking all wholesome foods, the children will unconsciously imitate them. As one little girl said:

"At home we don't talk about porridge. We eat it."

Anything in the nature of a luxury is always enticing. It is human nature to desire a thing which others

seem to enjoy. A little girl who claimed to have learned to like spinach was asked to tell how she did it.

"Oh," she explained, "father and mother and sister all ate it and seemed to like it so much I thought I must be missing something. So I began to eat it too, and after a while I liked it."

Be sure that foods are good if you expect them to be liked. Persistent practice will teach a child to like almost any flavor, but the problem is much more simple if foods are palatable. Sometimes a child's dislike of milk can be traced to an unpleasant experience of some milk that was turned or had absorbed flavors from the ice-box or from weeds eaten by the cows.

The reform of the finicky child is not an easy matter but it can be done. When a child who is not sick, refuses plain, wholesome foods, withhold all sweets and highly flavored foods and send him outdoors to get good and hungry. Give him three plain meals a day of milk, cereals, bread, vegetables, potatoes and eggs. Allow nothing between meals except water. Then watch him develop a healthy appetite for plain and wholesome foods.

A child who refuses all food is probably sick. If he eats food he likes and refuses foods he really needs, firm treatment is necessary. No mother leaves a child with a dirty face merely because the child does not enjoy washing. Maternal pride is at stake and the young imp is caught and scrubbed, regardless of protests. Why should not the mother be just as firm about the more important matter of diets?—for nothing is more necessary for the health of the child than correct feeding.—R. G.

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The figs should first be steamed until they are very tender. This may be done conveniently in an enameled steamer with a removable rack. When the figs have cooled remove the soft centres and chop this portion fine with a few nuts and candied fruits. Fill the figs with this mixture and dip them in unsweetened chocolate double boiler. The chocolate coating will keep the figs soft and moist for a considerable time.

Golden Eagle's Eggs.

The egg of a golden eagle, taken near San Diego, Calif., by Guy O. Glazier, required the services of three "buddies" to incubate it. When the patience of one hen was exhausted another matronly Rhode Island Red was put on the job. It was forty-one days before the eaglet pipped the shell.

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THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

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"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

They were utterly alone there, in a vast solitude, companioned only by the sea and the living things which haunt its shores.

"Carlotta, if it had not been for this, you would have come to me at last. Your heart would have had no misgiving!"

"Oh, none! And the poorer you were, the happier that heart would have been," she answered with a glow which amazed him.

He took her hands and raised them to his lips.

"Then God will clear the way. Till then, my darling, we can wait. A great injustice has been done. My cousin has the right to say his name, but you belong to me, Carlotta, and to no one else."

"I did not kiss, and when Carlotta presently begged him to leave her he went without demur. Also without plan or promise for the future."

A sort of solemnity was upon both their spirits which obscured their happiness, and which lesser natures would have been incapable of understanding. How, or when, or where the truth would be made known to Peter Garvock, or who would be the instrument, neither knew.

At three o'clock of the afternoon, as was his wont since he became an engaged man, Peter Garvock drove into the stable-yard of the Dalblair Hotel and put up his horse. Then he strode, with all a lover's haste, to the Clock House to spend the long afternoon with the woman he loved. Sometimes they would walk abroad, or sit in the old-world garden when it was warm enough; it mattered little to Peter, so long as he breathed the same air and could look upon Carlotta's face.

He found her alone. It was Mrs. Carlyon's custom to take a nap after the midday meal, while the Professor retired to his den, where he quickly became unconscious of any flight of time.

She had made no special toilet for her lover, but still wore the short, well-cut skirt of shepherd's plaid, the white silk shirt and green silk tie which she had donned in the morning.

Whatever she wore seemed beautiful and becoming in Peter Garvock's eyes, and, since Carlotta had taught him how clothes should be worn, he had become critical of all other women, even of his mother and sister, who accounted themselves no mean judges of a gentlewoman's attire.

The French windows of the Clock House drawing-room opened upon the terraced garden; a wonderful, old-world garden to be thus found in the heart of a town. A light trellis verandah, on which the jasmine stars were blazing now, made a shelter from both sun and rain. Carlotta was sitting there when she heard the front door bell, and she rose up and stepped just within the nearest window to receive Peter Garvock.

She was pale. Not a vestige of color was to be seen in all her face, and her eyes had a strange, intense look.

She held by the swaying curtains with both hands so that neither was free for him, and, when he would have kissed her, she drew back, yet not so abruptly or so swiftly as to awaken his suspicion. Indeed, it was not the first time she had refused his caress. Her cold aloofness was one of the charms which drew him.

Though Peter Garvock was a plain man, and not a universal favorite with women, yet he was an eligible party, and he could have made his choice of a wife in many quarters, for the wealth of The Lees had passed into a proverb in the county, and was much exaggerated, as is usual in such circumstances.

"We can't stop in the house this beautiful afternoon," she said, cutting his greeting short. "Do you mind if we go for a long tramp?"

"Delighted!" he assured her. "But I think you look tired and pale."

"Oh, no. Shall we go now? I will get my hat," she said, and left him with a nervous abruptness.

She was a creature of varying moods, and he did not guess that to-day the house could not hold her; that the thing she had to say to him, while it could not wait, could not be muttered within the four walls of any house.

She seemed to keep him a long time, but where Carlotta was concerned, Peter Garvock's patience was inexhaustible. She had been excellent for him, a discipline he needed sorely. Even those in the house with him at The Lees had been obliged to admit that the influence of Carlotta had been a very softening one.

Carlotta herself would have laughed at the idea. She did not love Peter Garvock, and so kept all his moods at bay. She had merely laughed at his assumption of authority, and had often told him he had better be warned in time that it was no obedient or even pliable wife he was going to take to bed.

Peter laughed too, and, conscious of the masterfulness which had been his besetting sin all his life, was wholly untroubled by doubt. Even the deepest woe in the world would only be a second fiddle in his house.

No man believed more ardently and thoroughly than Peter Garvock in the old law that the man is head of the woman. They did not discuss these controversial points, because Peter saw no need; he was confident that he would remain master in his own house.

Never, however, had Carlotta seemed more aloof from him than that day. She came back to the door of the room, drawing a pair of long gloves over her hands, her little wrap coat open, her hat, with the pheasant's wing, set at the most bewitching angle on the red-gold of her hair. It was not the usual Sunday afternoon attire of the ladies of Ayr, but Carlotta was ever a law to herself.

"The sands, as usual, I suppose?" said Garvock, as he held open the street door for her to pass out.

But Carlotta drew back, and her face flushed.

"Not to—da. Let us go inland-right up to the Cessnock woods."

Garvock made no demur, since it mattered not at all to him which road he took by Carlotta's side.

As they made their way out through the streets, as luck would have it, Garvock began to speak of affairs at Stair.

"He is a very good sort of chap, Al—but he has the family failing. He can neither make nor mend, nor know what I mean." And he is so pig-headed with it! I was the better of yesterday trying to persuade him to let Stair for a term of years, and go back to Bombay. Then there would only be his sister and brother. While Claud is at Cambridge, what more suitable than that Judith should go there and keep house for him? It would save the expense of lodgings—which seem to be very expensive, or else Claud has extravagant ways."

"But no! Stair is set on his own way."

"Perhaps now he has come home to manage the estate, things will go better," Carlotta replied, and Peter did not notice the strain in her voice.

"Your uncle was so long delicate and ailing, he could not properly attend to anything."

"That is true enough, but if he had attended to things when he was well, there would not be the mess there is to-day. Fact is, Carlotta, in the eighteen months poor old Uncle Claud was actually off the place, confined to his bedroom, I mean, things mended. Judy pulled them together. But I can see that Alan's is scattering hand. We very nearly came to loggerheads over things yesterday."

"It would be better to leave him—would it not?—to manage his own affairs?" said Carlotta, in the same odd voice.

"Well, you see, I can't do that altogether; for I happen to hold a pretty considerable mortgage on Stair."

Carlotta stood still on the road and looked at him in a little, startled way, while the red dyed her cheek.

"You hold a mortgage on Stair? Does your cousin know it?"

"Why, of course. That was the very first thing we had to speak about. And he got very ratty about it. I don't know why. I've been very decent about it right through, and as I told him yesterday, he ought to be a little more careful and guarded in his speech, and a trifle less independent in his manner. Fact is, he's been spoiled by both women and men, but now he's got to come right out and face the music he doesn't like it."

"Let us take this path," said Carlotta, darting forward to a bit of waste ground as if something sickened her.

Peter regarded the uninviting track with disfavor.

"It doesn't look as if it led to anywhere."

"Oh, it does. I've often been here. After you get past these horrid buildings, plots and over that little hill, the road is clear to Cessnock woods."

"You have acquired a wonderful knowledge of the environs of Ayr," he said teasingly.

"Father and I together," she asserted. "And then, somehow, an odd silence fell upon them, which both found it difficult to break.

Carlotta was as good as her promise.

It was a very short cut to Cessnock woods, and, once within their shelter, they were practically immune from disturbance. Cessnock was not open to the general public, but Carlotta had sought and obtained special permission from the owner for her father to wander at will.

It was very beautiful there, but Carlotta was very glad to get away from the sight of the blue line of the sea, which seemed to pursue her wherever she chose to turn her eyes.

"Are you tired?" asked Garvock with much solicitude when she made pause at a clearing where a lot of felled trunks lay in even lines, inviting them to rest. "You look quite white to-day! I don't remember seeing you so pale before. Perhaps we've come too far?"

"Oh, no," she said feverishly. "But we can sit down for a few minutes, if you like. I have something to say to you, anyhow, Peter. I came out here for the purpose."

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Length and Latitude.

It is often said that the tallest people are found in the temperate zones, and the general idea is that the British and the Scandinavians are the tallest races in the world. If, however, you go carefully into the figures you will find that this is not the case.

The average height of English, Scots, and Scandinavians is the same. A full-grown man of each race averages 5 feet, 7 2/5 inches in height. The Irish are a fraction of an inch shorter, and next come Danes and Belgians.

But these are not the tallest races. In the matter of inches, the records are held by Zulus, Iroquois Indians, Polynesians, and Patagonians.

The last, the tallest race in the world, average 5 feet 10 1/3 inches. Now the Zulus live in a semi-tropical climate, the Iroquois in a temperate one, the Polynesians in some of the hottest parts of the world, while the Patagonians inhabit the Horn of South America, one of the coldest and most miserable places on earth.

In remarkable contrast to the Patagonians are the Laplanders, who reside almost in the Arctic circle, are the shortest race on earth, a grown man being only seven-tenths of an inch over five feet.

The more one studies the matter the more puzzling it becomes, but one point seems clear enough—that climate and latitude have nothing whatever to do with height.

Food and fresh air, indeed, have more to do with the development of the individual than climate, as is proved by the fact that everywhere the farm laborer is taller than the artisan.

For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment

World Flight a Triumph.

The stage was set in 1924 for a flight around the world. British, French, Portuguese, Argentine and American fliers all entered the race. Each, with the exception of the American flight, met with disaster. The American flight succeeded because it was well organized and planned and undertaken by a first-class flying personnel. This great flight will be remembered as one of the great voyages of history, comparable to the adventures of Columbus, Magellan, Hawkins, Raleigh and the rest.—Lieutenant Robert J. Brown, Jr., in Current History Magazine.

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A Soldier's Age.

Napoleon in his Italian successes captured a Hungarian battalion. This colonel, an old man, said that he had fought in the army of Maria Theresa.

"You must be old," said Napoleon.

"Yes I am," the colonel replied, "either sixty or seventy."

"Why, colonel," exclaimed Napoleon,

"you have certainly lived long enough to know how to count years a little more closely."

"General," replied the Hungarian,

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A TRICK IN ADDITION.

"Did you ever try adding before you know what all the numbers in your column are going to be?" asked Robert.

"Why, nobody can do that," said Gerald. "How could you tell what the answer would be?"

"Easily enough," said Robert. "Now we will write down five numbers. You write two of them first, and then I will write one, and you may write the fourth, and I will write the last. And I will put down the sum of all the numbers, after you have put down the first two."

So Gerald put down the first two numbers here shown:

46785
35749
64250
34567
55432

Then Robert said, "Well, the answer this time will be 246783." Then he put down the third row of figures. Gerald wrote the fourth and Robert wrote the last. Gerald hastened to add the numbers, and sure enough, Robert's answer was the correct one. "How did you do that?" asked Gerald.

"Don't you wish you could add that way?" said Robert teasingly.

"There is some trick about it," said Fannie. "Let me try it." So he wrote down the first two numbers given here:

483
999
516
472
527

"The answer to this problem will be 2,997," announced Robert. Then he

wrote the third number, Fannie wrote the fourth, and Robert the fifth. And adding the numbers gave the same total as Robert had given.

"I think I see how it's done now," cried Gerald.

"Well, I don't," said Fannie. "How is it, Robert?"

"Let me see if I can put down the answer when Fannie writes three of the numbers," said Gerald. And after two or three trials he did it as quickly and as accurately as Robert had done it.

As you can discover by carefully examining the problems, the trick is simple enough. In the first example notice that Robert got the result merely by placing a 2 in front of the first digit of Gerald's first number and by subtracting 2 from its last digit. Then in putting down the third number Robert used digits that, if added to the digits of the second number under which they were placed, would in each case make 9. Thus the sum of the second and the third number would be 99999. After Gerald had put down the fourth number Robert again used digits that if added to the digits directly above them in the fourth number, would in each case make 9.

In the second example, Robert varied the method, to make it appear more difficult. He got the result by using the second number, and then he made the digits of the first and third numbers total 999. The fourth and fifth numbers he treated in the same way as he had treated the fourth and fifth number of the first example.

In order to avoid the possibility of error when you first try this trick it is a good plan to make the rule that all the numbers of the column must have the same number of digits.

Christmas Somewhere in Alberta

By H. M. Conquest

Nights on the prairie—cold, white, silent.

Sparkle the jewels of heaven overhead, crisps and crackles the ice on the creek. Glimmers the light on the distant hill where stands the settler's lonely shack.

Hark! there are sounds of children within—clear treble, voices singing an old English carol, "Good King Wences." Mingled with the voices rises from behind a curtained bed the thin, weak wail of a new-born babe. On the walls of the rude dwelling are pathetic evidences that Christmas is to be celebrated. A new calendar painted with gay red and green holly bears the motto of Tiny Tim:

"God bless Everyone."

Chains of colored paper cut from mail-order catalogues festoon the window. The children are getting ready for best. Quickly they scramble into their night-clothes, six small boys and girls—the eldest not yet ten years old.

Behind the curtain, in the corner, the children crowd around their mother's couch. She always hears their evening prayers. Little John has a special petition all his own:

"Please, dear Dad, don't let Santa first us, and will you tell him John wants a gun, and Peggie a doll what sleeps, please Dad, Amen."

With shining eyes the children unroll a stout string and stretch it across the room, fastening their small stockings in order of ages.

The husband and father sits motionless, his head buried in his hands. A voice calls softly from the corner:

"John dear, look up and talk to me, won't you?"

John looks up, but no words fall from his lips.

"Why, John, John, there are real tears in your eyes and on Christmas Eve!"

"Come, come my dear, you must not give way like that. Let us think of all our many blessings instead."

"Blessings!" exclaims the man bitterly. "If you can see blessings, it's more than I can. No crop, scarce any food, little fuel, scanty clothing, no Christmass toys for the littluns, and you talk of blessings! I tell you, Mary, I would rather face the guns of Flanders than the eyes of little John to-morrow morning when he sees these empty stockings." Mary remains silent. What is there to say?

Her eyes close and her lips move silently. Her pale wan face shines with an inner light as she opens her eyes and says:

"I am sure God will hear that little prayer of John's to-night. It may not be the gun he desires, but I fancy somehow or other some fairy god-mother may perform magic before Christmas comes."

Mary's voice trails sleepily away, and soon there is no sound in the little home but the gentle breathing of the family of small children.

John is alone with the bitterness of his soul.

John rises and peers out of the window. What! Someone coming here at this time of night!

Out from the sleigh springs a man with a sack on his back. He stamps the snow from his feet. A woman is with him, she carries a bag. Softly she knocks at the door:

"Are all the children asleep, John?

We don't want them to see us."

John's wife is awake in a moment. Turning to her infant with a kiss she whispers:

"Thank God, Baby, I knew something would happen and—it has." In the centre of the shack stands a figure in the well-known and well-loved Red Cross uniform, beside her the burly driver.

With a smile Sister turns to the bedside:

"Are you well enough to sit up a little, Mary, and see us fill the stockings?"

What a wonderful hamper it is, to be sure. A real layette of baby clothes, some woolly comforts for the two-year-old twins, school clothing for the bigger ones, something for Father and a brand new warm bed-comforter for Mother. Last, but by no means least, a boxful of Santa Claus gifts for the stockings.

"See this cute little doll with eyes that go to sleep, that will please one of the girls," says Sister, "and here is a gun that fires corks, just the thing for a boy," and she rammed the gun into the recesses of John's stocking.

With glistening eyes Mary watches the nurse fill each little sock, shaking the nuts into the toes and placing a brightly colored candy bag on top of each. Her husband looks on surprise and stammers out:

"However did you know about Little John's wish, Sister? And where did you get all this from?" pointing to the well-filled hamper.

The Nurse only smiles and says: "A mother is a wonderful person, John, and I am glad to be here to-night as the representative of our Red Cross Juniors, the children who are learning by unselfishness and sacrifice to make others happy. It is they who send it."

John looks thoughtful as he says slowly: "I'm thinking that such teaching of our young folk will in time produce a new state of affairs. In days to come man to man the world over shall brothers be, for a' that."

Sister smiles as she picks up her nurse's kit, saying: "Yes, John, I believe you are right, our Red Cross Juniors are learning lessons of service that will remain with them for life."

With a word of cheer to the gentle-eyed mother and a peep at the little ones in their trundle cot on the floor, she bids John good-night with hearty greetings for the morrow.

Out into the darkness she slips to continue her drive over ice and snow for many a mile to a distant village.

Here the Angel of Birth is waiting on a humble threshold and a woman's voice is calling to her for aid.

All He Asked.

Dad—"Young man, where were you last night?"

Son—"Oh, just riding around with some of the boys."

Dad—"Well, tell them not to leave their lip-sticks in the car."



BABY AND BOY SITTING ON A LIGHT COLORED OBJECT, PROBABLY A BARREL OR A WHEELBARROW. THE YOUNG BOY AND GIRL ARE SPENDING SOME TIME AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS.

Reached Their Hearts.

The great night had arrived, and all the village turned up to the grand Christmas concert. The great attraction of the evening was to be a song from little Betty Blue, who, when her turn came, obliged as follows:

"Mid play sure sand pal aces though weam a Rome,
Be it ever so hum bull, there snow play sly comb.
Aitch arm from thesek eyeseam stew swallow us there,
Which seek through the whirlis disnern et twithel swear."

The applause was terrific, and most of the audience were moved to tears, while those who were able to suppress their emotion shouted for an encore. If you had been at that concert, provided you had not left your spectacles at home, you would have seen by the programme that the song was "Home, Sweet Home."

Battle of Dogs in France Between Dogs and Food Prices Soar.

Dogs are becoming a great problem in France. It is a question of food—food for the dogs, says a Paris dispatch. With the price of bread continually rising, it has become a serious question—we quote a Parisian contributor to "Le Matin"—whether or not all dogs ought not to be done away with. The food they consume could be used to much greater advantage by their owners or their owners' friends.

But the time for a peaceful settlement of the dog problem has passed, writes "Le Matin's" correspondent. The "dog haters"—"les antichienards"—have united on a platform reading: "Let us suppress all dogs. Let us triple their taxes. It is better in a time of difficulty to feed men than to feed dogs." But the embattled "dog lovers" answer with the slogan "They wish to attack our dogs. To arms, citizens!"

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A December Day.

Dawn turned on her purple pillow, And late, late came the winter day; Snow was curved to the boughs of the willow,

The sunless world was white and gray.

At noon we heard a bluejay scolding At five the last cold light was lost From blackened windows faintly holding

The featherly filigree of frost.

—Sara Teasdale.

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A Novelist's Cross Roads.

About twenty years ago a young man stared out of his flat window in London and his gaze fell upon the Canadian Emigration Officer. He had been an actor, was secretary of a religious society, and had written a book which was about to be published. "Well," he said, gloomily, "if the book doesn't go, I'll have to be Manitoba."

The young man was Mr. A. E. Masson, author of "The Four Feathers" and other famous stories. His book did "go," and his subsequent volumes have been "going" ever since.

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Mark Twain's Life Was Like One of His Yarns

By Edward Anthony

There once was a young man who wanted very much to marry a girl. Nothing unusual about that. Of course not.

And the girl said she would marry him if he could obtain her father's consent. And still there is nothing very unusual about this, save that the young man was Samuel L. Clemens, better known to the world as Mark Twain. But what happened next was a thing that, I am convinced, could have happened to no one else under the sun than this same smiling, eager young writer.

Since the young man had only recently come to New York from the Pacific coast (this was in 1869) the father very naturally asked him to furnish character references from the California folk who knew him best. Now hear the rest of the story in Mark Twain's own words, as told in his autobiography.

"In due course answers came. I was sent for, and we had another private conference. I had referred him to six prominent men, among them two clergymen (these were all San Franciscans), and he himself had written to a bank cashier who had in earlier years been a Sunday-school superintendent in Elmira and was well known to Mr. Langdon. The results were not promising. All those men were frank to a fault. They not only spoke in disapproval of me, but they were quite unnecessarily and exaggeratedly enthusiastic about it. One clergyman (Stebbins) and that ex-Sunday-school superintendent (I wish I could recall his name) added to their black testimony the conviction that I would fill a drunkard's grave.

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Hastings Happenings

News Briefs Gleaned from Our Correspondents.

Position Abolished

Owing to the discontinuance of a yard master at Trenton terminal of the C. N. R. Mr. Alex Neilson, who has occupied that position for the past nine years will find it necessary to move much to the regret of his many friends here.

During his nine years here he has been actively interested in the town and its progress. Mr. Neilson was for several years a member of the Public

School Board as well as Chairman of the Trenton Parks Commission. He is Secretary of the later at present. He is Treasurer of the newly organized band.—Trenton Courier-Advocate.

Lord Byng Visits Belleville

His Excellency, General Lord Byng of Vimy, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Governor General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief, arrived in Belleville at two o'clock Friday afternoon

by the Canadian northern and paid his official visit to this city. He was accompanied by Capt. the Hon. Francis W. Erskine and C. S. Pryce-Davies, A.D.C.

Mayor Mikel, on behalf of the corporation of the city of Belleville wel-

comed the vice-royal guest. A guard of honor of high school cadets in command of Capt. J. Deacon, with Lt. F. Cross and George Faulkner, Sergeant, fifty of all ranks, formed a west of the lower station and there was reviewed by the governor-general. In the crowd at the station were Lt.-Col. Vanderwater, D.S.O., Major McManus and officers in uniform, veterans wearing their medals, members of the city council, Warden Rollins and members of Hastings County Council and representatives of other bodies.—Belleville Ontario.

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Wedding Bells

SCRIMSHAW—STAPLEY

A very quiet wedding took place at the Methodist Parsonage, Stirling on Nov. 8th at nine o'clock a.m. by Rev. C. W. Barrett, when Olive Stapley, eldest daughter of Mr. Frank Stapley, Stirling, became the bride of Earl Scrimshaw only son of Mr. Philip Scrimshaw of Bonarlaw.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Iola Carr and the groom by Douglas Stapley brother of the bride. The bride was gowned in grey velvet and wore the gift of the groom, a necklace of pearls. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was an engraved sterling silver brooch and to the groomsman an engraved set of sterling silver cuff links. After the ceremony the bride and groom motored to Toronto where they spent their honeymoon.

On their return home on Friday, Nov. 14th a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, when a few of the near relatives were present. The bride received many useful presents. On the following Tuesday her neighbours and friends gathered at her home and presented her with a beautiful mantel clock and fancy tea-pot together with the following address.

DEAR OLIVE,—

It is with pleasure and also regret that we have gathered here to-night to spend a social evening in your company before you become deeply involved in the many pleasures and duties that will come in your new life.

We have always found you, Olive, ever ready to help us with your time and means, whenever help was needed. In losing you, we have lost a kindly, cheery and friendly neighbor and you are leaving behind many staunch friends.

However, we realize that our loss will be another's gain and we know that you will find just such friends in your new home as you are leaving here.

As a slight token of our appreciation of your life among us, we beg of you to accept these gifts, and while using them daily, think of the friends of your girlhood.

We all join heartily in wishing you a happy and prosperous wedded life. On behalf of your friends in this neighbourhood.

MRS. GEO. McMULLEN MISS MAE DANFORD

Olive replied briefly, thanking them all for their kindness and extending a welcome to her home at any time. After a dainty lunch was served, all sang—"God be with you till we meet again," and departed for their different homes.

West Huntingdon

Left over from last week.

The Skies are ever bluest
Friend ships are the truest
And enemies the fewest
In West Huntingdon
Sunshine is the brightest
Merry hearts are lightest
And moonbeams are the whitest
In West Huntingdon
Maidens are the sweetest
Autos are the fleetest
And bungalows the neatest
In West Huntingdon
Farmers work the hardest
Preachers preach the longest
And old folks are the strongest
In West Huntingdon

Now that the By-Election is over we are enjoying much colder weather. Mr. George Poste has had a water system installed in his stables.

Rev. J. Lane and Rev. Robert Thomson of Plainfield exchanged pulpits on Sunday for missionary purposes. Our Methodist and St. Andrews congregations are planning on Christmas entertainments. St. Andrew's date is December 24th. Methodist December 22nd. Misses Florence Cooke and Bertha Inox spent a few days at Campbellford,

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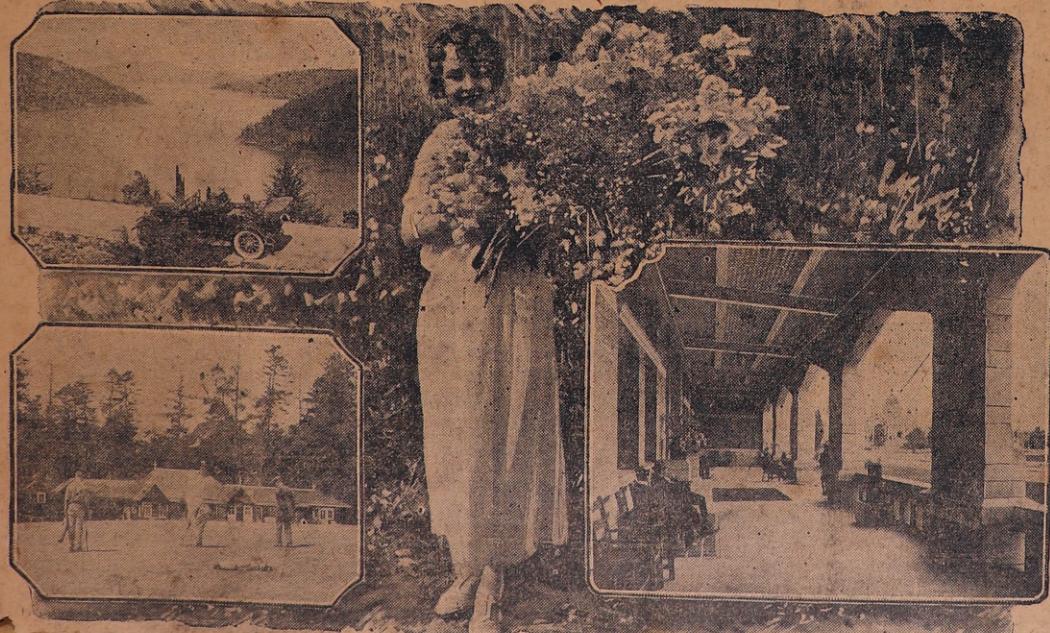
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Where They Play Golf All the Year Round



In the Empress Hotel Gardens. At the top, inset, a view of the Malahat drive. Below, one of the many Public golf courses for which Victoria is famous and at the right a photograph taken from the veranda of the Empress Hotel with a glimpse of the Parliament Buildings through the columns.

Famed for a mild, equable climate, a scenic setting equalled to the choicest English beauty spots, a resemblance which has led to the appellation of "A Little Bit of Old England," and the up-to-dateness of a modern western city has combined to make Victoria, the Evergreen City, one of the principal tourist cities of the North Pacific coast throughout the entire year.

Victoria, which with its suburbs has a population of 60,000, is also the capital of British Columbia, the legislative buildings forming an attractive picture for the new arrivals disembarking in the inner harbor.

The city, located on the southeast extremity of Vancouver Island, is practically in the same latitude as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and other eastern cities, yet because of the warm Japan current that fringes British Columbia's coast, Victoria enjoys the year round a climate unsurpassed in the Dominion. The mean temperature in winter is 42 degrees and in summer 61. Coupled with this is an average yearly rainfall of only 27.45 inches, less than half the average precipitation on the adjacent mainland.

With this salubrious climate outdoor sports are possible the entire year, five or six golf courses being available in and around the city.

For the motorist, not only Victoria but the entire Vancouver Island provides drives of varying lengths into a territory that has been named a "Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Greatest of all these is the famous Malahat Mountain drive running north from Victoria and rising to more than 3,250 feet above the sea level, affording a view of sea and mountain unexcelled.

In and around Victoria are sufficient tourist attractions to keep the newcomer busy for many days. These include the Butchart sunken gardens, transformed within the last decade into a veritable fairytale of flowers, shrubs, lawns, roses, waterfalls and lake; the astrophysical observatory with the second largest telescope in the world, and 1,600

acres of beautiful parks featuring Beacon Hill Park virtually in the heart of the city.

In the summer more than a hundred shady beaches and romantic little bays dotted along seventy miles of water frontage lure the holiday-maker. Some face the Straits of Juan de Fuca and open to the sweep of the Pacific Ocean tides, while others are almost landlocked, with clear, unruled water.

Travelling to Victoria from the mainland is one of the joys of a holiday spent in the capital city. An 82-mile trip through landlocked, sheltered waters past numerous islands, brings the traveller from Vancouver. Frequent service on palatial steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway is afforded to Victoria from Vancouver and Seattle direct, while a further steamer to Nanaimo affords an optional route. Rail connection is made between Nanaimo and Victoria.

As a further development of Victoria as a winter resort, The Crystal Garden, an elaborate amusement center, is being erected near the Empress Hotel. It will be opened for Victoria Day celebration next May.

a steel and concrete structure with 36,000 square feet of glazed roof surface. The central feature of the Crystal Garden will be a huge salt water swimming pool, the largest on the Pacific Coast.

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Rawdon Rifle Association
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Most of Members Made Good Showing
Prize Winners for Season—Annual
Meeting December 27th

The last Rifle Practice of the season on December 1st 1924 brought to a close the most successful year of the Rawdon Rifle Association since its formation in June 1920. The bona-fide active membership is now 58, the majority of whom made a very creditable showing on the range during the past year.

The best shot in the association was Mr. John McKeown, Captain, who made an aggregate of 237 at four practices and an average of 3.16, a close second was Mr. W. A. Battman whose aggregate was 190 and averaged 2.71. Others to win first prize for the seasons shooting were George E. Thompson, George S. Eastwood and G. K. Reid. The names of those winning second, third, fourth and fifth prizes follow the first mentioned making the highest aggregates.

Second Prize

Chris Burkitt, Archie Haslett, Charles Burkitt, Wallace McInroy, Willie Stiles, Isaac McInroy, Simon Mathews, Thomas Prest, Clarence McKeown and Ernest Eastwood.

Third Prize

W. E. Scrimshaw, Chas. Mitz, Henry Redcliffe, John F. Baker, William S. Stiles, Gordon Webb, Elliott West, John Danford, William McInroy, and Carl Caldwell.

Fourth Prize

Hiram Mumby, Garnet Heath, George Mason, D. Wellman Jr., Russell Andrews, Ward Luery, Cyril McKeown, Anson Connors, Angus Mumby and George Wellman.

Fifth Prize

Fred Mack, Leslie Baker, Willie Mumby, Sanford Rombough, Charles Peake, Morley Mason, John Wellman, A. O. Murdock, Orris Andrews and Alf McKay.

In addition to above prizes there were also special prizes for those making the best aggregate at each shoot.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35c each issue

THE MOST CELEBRATED MOVIE of the age "The Covered Wagon" will be presented in the Empire Theatre January 13th. Kindly reserve the date. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT. Programme to consist of dialogues, choruses, tableaux, recitations etc. 7th floor (Fred Snarr) school, Monday, Dec. 22nd at 8 o'clock. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT at Minto School on evening of December 23rd. Candy Booth. Admission 25c. and 15c. 15(a)

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT—Springbrook Sunday School, Fosters' Hall, Springbrook, on Friday, December 19th. T. J. Thompson, Supt.

THE S. S. OF THE METHODIST Church will present their annual Concert on Christmas night in the Theatre. In addition to songs, drills, etc., by the S. S., Mr. Cameron of Toronto, a splendid cultured entertainer has been secured. Tickets 50c. and 35c.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE Entertainment of St. Mark's Sunday School, Bonarlaw, will be held in the Orange Hall, Springbrook, on Monday, Dec. 22nd. Admission, adults 25c., children 15c.

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THE NEWS-ARGUS

Village Council
Concludes Business

Financial Statement and Tax Collector's Report Received, Fire Alarm System may be improved.

The Village Council met on Monday evening for the last time before the Nomination for a new Council. All the members were present.

Mr. George Legrow appeared to urge the Council to consider the installation of a better fire alarm system. The Clerk was instructed to write to manufacturers for prices and particulars and to other centres where electric siren alarms are in use to ascertain their efficiency.

Mr. German Sine drew attention to an error in his taxes which was allowed in part. He also appealed again for the removal of the town dump from near his premises.

The following Accounts were passed for payment.

G. H. Luery, postage etc.	3.00
W. C. Moore, cemetery	2.50
R. L. Christie, wood	6.25
John Tanner's part salary	25.00
L. & R. W. Meiklejohn, cemetery	14.95
" " electric main	20.03
" " open house	.72
" " fire hall	1.75
" " general	3.78
M. W. Sine, part salary	30.00
F. A. Sprenthal, electric main	3.15
The Masco Co., town hall	3.38
Library Board, rental	50.00
Canadian General Electric, electric main	24.24
F. A. Sprenthal, drawing fire engine	5.00
Juett Thompson, refund of dog tax	4.00
Morden Bird, error in taxes	11.00

Dr. M. W. Sine tax collector, reported that \$19,111.84 had been Collected to date, leaving a balance of \$557.74 still to collect. This is a slightly better showing than on the closing date last year.

The treasurer's statement up to December 15th was gone into detail. It will be printed in time for the Nomination on December 20th.

Judge Praises Work of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh

Belleville, December 12th, 1924,
John Leigh Esq.,

House of Refuge,
Belleville, Ont.

DEAR SIR:

I am directed by His Honour Judge Deroche to inform you that the Grand Jury at the General Sessions of the Peace just passed, by their report made special reference to the splendid condition of your institution and expressed their appreciation of the work being done by Mrs. Leigh and yourself.

Signed
B. C. DONNAN,

MARRIED
Watson—Morton

Married on December 12th 1924 by the Rev. A. E. Smart, godfather of the groom, Helen Eliza, third daughter of Mr. John S. Morton and of Mrs. Morton Stirling to James Alexander only son of Mr. A. H. Watson and of Mrs. Watson, Madoc.

The Epworth League meeting on Monday evening was under the direction of Mr. Gordon Barrett, leader of the Literary Department.

The chief number on the programme was the Christmas issue of "The Blue Outlook" which was read by the editor, Miss Ruth Eggleton. A lively old-fashioned spelling match followed.

The colour count showed an attendance of 64.

Byng Presents Medal

Miss Ida Clare, winner of the County Council medal for the highest marks obtained in the Central Hastings Inspectorate at the High School Entrance Examinations, received her award at the hands of Governor General Lord Byng at Belleville, on the afternoon of Friday, December 5th. Pupil and Principal alike are to be congratulated upon bringing this distinction to Marmora. Marmora Herald

When You are Worrying

And wondering what to give Father, Brother or—You Know Who—for Christmas, just drop in and let us make some suggestions. We quote a few of our many useful and acceptable Christmas Gifts.



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Underwear—2 piece and Combinations	Tie Box
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THE QUEEN OF ALL CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

BY CULLEN CAIN.

It seemed to me that I had never seen so many people on a city street before. I tried in vain for a long time to get from my office to the street car stop, but the close-packed throngs held me to a snail's shuffle all the way. And, mind you, it was after 7 o'clock in the evening, and it was a cold and miserable winter night.

Most of the men and women who jammed this street were workers who had to shop after their regular hours. They were tired and supperless, but they were also good-natured and patient with each other as they struggled for progress. Finally I escaped from the press and forced my way into the crowded street car.

And in the seat across the aisle from me I saw the Queen of all Christmas Shoppers. I wish I could tell you.

She was a woman of middle age and her cloak and hat were of a fashion years gone by. Her face was kindly still, in spite of the lines traced there by an unkink world. Somehow, it seemed to me that she must have been a beautiful young woman only a few years ago. She was so tired she drooped forward in her seat.

She had with her a little cheap, frail, brightly painted toy wagon; just a two-wheeled wagon, and she held the little old swiveling wheels close between her feet, and her bare hand held the crooked and pathetically small tongue of this vehicle close to her knees.

This wagon was her sole purchase of the day. She bore no other burden, carried no other merchandise, had no other package, purchase or present.

All the way westward to my destination I sat there and looked at that shopper with fascinated and thoughtful interest. And I wove a little story about her. I was sure she was a widow and that she worked for a living, and that she had one small son. She had stopped downtown after her work was done and had sought through the department stores for something she could afford



Sir Geoffrey Archer

who has been appointed as governor-general of the Sudan. Previously he was governor and commander-in-chief of Uganda.

Friendship.

The season whose apex is reached with Christmas and the New Year is valued especially for the emphasis it puts on friendship. In the year that elapsed since the last festival perhaps some among us had forgotten the influx of intense and genial feeling which the Yuletide brings with it, even as we forget the spring, so that each new May is a green miracle and a fresh wonderment.

There are many things for which to give thanks at the threshold of 1925, and for nothing should we be more grateful than for friends. We are not poor till we have lost them. The loss of his throne to a king, or the loss of his fortune to a millionaire, or the loss of health to one who rejoiced in his physical well-being, is not so great an affliction as the loss of a friend to one who greatly cares for those who share the human scene with him.

Friendship is imperishable even on earth, for its quality and its influence inevitably pass into our character. If we choose to be friends with the mean and malignant (not to raise them but to adopt their ways), we shall become mean and malignant too. If we by preference consort with greatness of soul and essential nobility, we must, though imperceptibly to ourselves, absorb something of these qualities into our own beings. As we touch pitch and are defiled, so we communicate with beauty and partake of it. Habitually to dwell with truth and decency and dignity must almost certainly mean a lasting bias in favor of these lovely things. The child who is brought up among ruffians will be fortunate to avoid having his character permanently seared and blasted.

We choose our friends, our friends choose us, because we mutually find congenial impulses and aspirations. The same end must be proposed and the same means approved if friendship is to be fond and lasting. In that greatest friendship of all which subsists between husband and wife there cannot be permanence unless both partners have the same ideals in the planning of a home (which is a personal rather than an architectural fair) and the training of a child. Life is said to be best, a very lonesome business. We are reminded constantly of upreared walls through

THE FIRST CUT TREE

"How cold it is!" said little Marie, as she drew her thin shawl round her shoulders. The snow was very deep in the woods, and Marie had been gathering sticks for a fire.

Somewhat the snow gave the little girl no joy this year, for her parents were very poor indeed, and Santa Claus would never visit so poor a cottage as theirs.

Suddenly Marie caught sight of an old man hobbling towards her in the distance, bent beneath the weight of a large bundle of faggots. He looked so tired and old that Marie ran toward him.

"May I help you?" she said kindly. "That bundle must be very heavy!"

The old man smiled and allowed her to relieve him of his burden.

"You are very kind, little maiden!"

was all he said.

They plodded along through the snow for a long while in complete silence. Every moment the bundle that Marie carried seemed to grow heavier, but she never once complained. At last they reached the outskirts of the forest.

ONLY A SNOWBALL

Here the old man stopped suddenly, and gathered up a handful of snow. He rolled it neatly into a small snowball, and handed it to little Marie, at the same time taking his bundle of sticks from her.

"Thank you, child!" he said. "Accept this gift from me in return for your kindness!"

Then he turned, and in a few moments was lost to sight, leaving Marie staring in astonishment at the snowball in her hand.

"What a strange gift!" she thought. "Why, I could make a hundred such myself!"

Nevertheless, she took it home with her, feeling that there must be some meaning in it.

When she had told her parents of her adventure, they laughed very scornfully.

"The old man was mad!" said her father. "Throw away the snowball, child!"

But Marie would not do so, and, crossing over to the fireside, melted the snowball on the hob.



Two Thousand Years of Yuletide Hymns

Although the Christmas carol can look back on nearly two thousand years of history, its story in England only seems to open in the days of the Plantagenet Kings.

At the British Museum you may see a time-stained parchment on which is written by a monkish hand the first carol of which we have certain knowledge. It was penned in Norman-French in the thirteenth century, and is better fitted for a convivial gathering than for a religious service.

SONGS OF GAIETY.

This was the type of many of our earliest known carols—songs of gaiety and good cheer such as might form a spirited accompaniment to the steaming wassail-bowl and the flames of chimneyeys. Such was the character of that "sett of Caroles" which Wynkyn de Worde gave to a jollity-loving world in 1521, from his rude press at the "Sign of the Sun" in Fleet Street, London.

As we look through these carols of the days of chivalry we see in imagination the yule-log drawn in triumph from its forest-home, to be greeted at the door of hall or castle by minstrels singing:

Welcome be thou, heavenly King,
Welcome born on this morning,
Welcome for whom shall sing,
Welcome Yule!

or, in later years, to be welcomed by Herrick's more appropriate lines:

Come bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys,
The Christmas log to the firing,
While my good dame she
Bids us all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring.

BETHLEHEM AS A SEAPORT.

Such songs would have been little to the taste of the Franciscan friars, who are said to have originated carols in England about the time of Henry III, mating old ballad-melodies to holy themes—grave and solemn Christmas chants such as "The Sons of Levi":

For we are the true-born sons of Levi,
By the bright and the glorious star.

But with the Reformation came a chastening of high spirits and a return to the carol of more pious days. No more should the holy season be profaned by such a Bacchanalian ditty as:—

Lordlings, Christmas loves good drinking,
Wines of Gascoigne, France, Anjou,
English ale that drives out thinking,
Prince of liquors old and new.

In England carolers were to choose among "Certayne godly Carowles to be songe to the glory of God," published by John Tyssdale in 1562; and in Scotland, from a similar selection of "Gude and Godly Ballades," all infused by the same dismal piety.

We doubt whether the Puritan's approval would have been extended to the carol which describes the vagaries of the three ships which "come sailing in on Christmas day":—
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
a carol with a godly swing, in spite of its crude conceptions of geography; or that ancient but evergreen carol, "God rest you, merry gentlemen!"

A POET'S PRESENT.

Happily the best of the old carols have come down to us, such as "The First Nowell," "The Holly and the Ivy," and "What Child is This?"—haunting melodies with an irresistible swing, allied to quaint words which add the charm of story to the spirit of praise.

And to such survivors from ancient days, composers and poets of more recent years have made many welcome additions. Such are "Christians, Awake!" written by John Byron as a Christmas gift for his little daughter, and first sung at the doorway of Byron's House, Kersal Cell, near Manchester, on Christmas Eve, 1750; and Gounod's "Cradle All Lowly," the air of which is so simple that a baby might lisp it; and yet it was presented to a London audience with all the pomp and dignity that a great orchestra and choir could give it.

CHRISTMAS.

How shall we come to the Christmas of 1924? Shall it be with despair in our hearts of the final triumph of good over evil, or dare we, despite the voices of the present and the dark fears for the future, declare our faith in the words of Browning's innocent child, and say,

"God's in His heaven;

All's right with the world?"

The answer is simple. Leave Him out of His heaven and out of His world, and Christmas, with its "glorious song of old," is little less than a mockery. But hold to the faith that has stayed and steadied unnumbered multitudes of earth's finest spirits in days when those about them were saying, "Where is now thy God?" and you will greet the dawn of the new Christmas with a deep and satisfying peace. Here is an optimism that will hail the coming Christmas not because it ignores the facts, but in spite of the facts; an optimism that knows that, though mighty empires have come and gone, and darkness settled over many a nation like an impenetrable gloom, the world has steadily, if slowly, rolled out of darkness into light. This is not the only era in human history when civilization has seemed to be drifting toward the rocks, with no watcher at the bow and no hand on the helm.

Would any of us like to go back to the days when man was emerging from his arboreal life? Do we pine for the civilization of Babylon or Egypt, or Rome, with the world mostly slaves? Have we made no progress even through nights of French Revolutions and Russian horrors? Look back over human history and trace the upward climb, and mark the larger world into which humanity has come since that first Christmas day, and despair will give place to hope, and the song of Browning's little maid will not seem so mad a dream.

Merry Christmas to All.

To our readers—a Merry, Merry Christmas in our holiday message to you. It is a message of love and faith and charity, as befits the Yuletide season. Love unbound, in memory of the Babe of Bethlehem; faith, unscathed by the hands of time, and charity, inspired by a true spirit of unselfishness.

May you have a stockingful of blessings to help brighten each cloudy day.

Moravian Carol.

Hail, thou wondrous infant stranger,
Born lost Eden to regain;
Welcome in thy humble manger,
Welcome to thy creature man.

Hail, Immanuel,

Thou who wast ere time began.

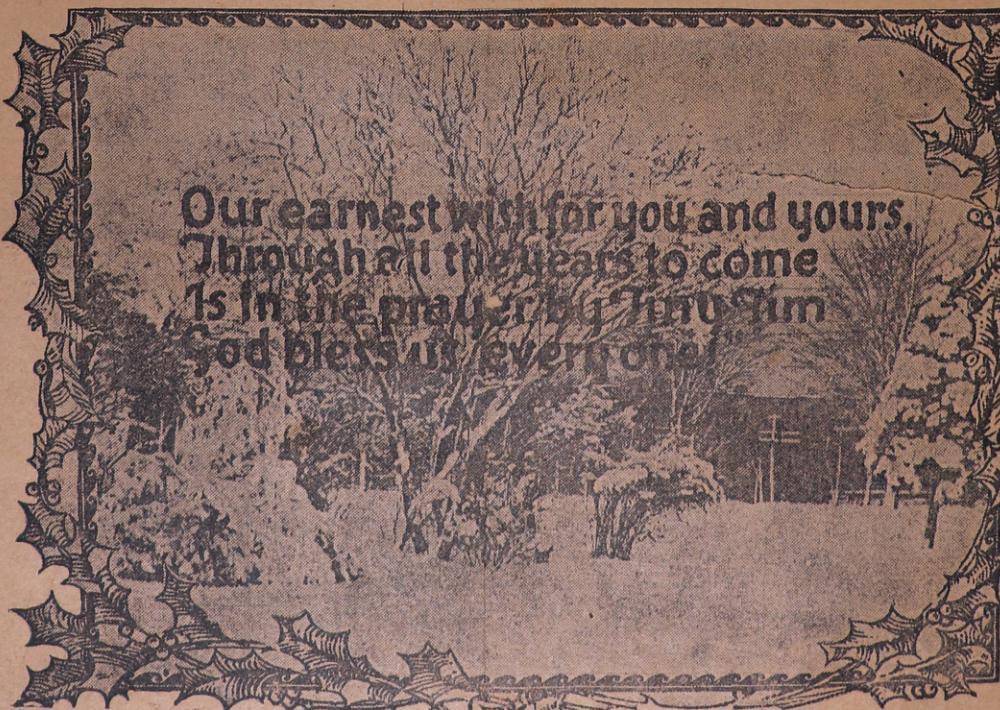
Big Inside.

During the Christmas holidays the chief guest in the Jones household was a little nephew. The aunt was frankly amazed at the astonishing exhibition of his appetite.

"Heaven!" she exclaimed one day. "I hope you don't mind my saying so, Louis, but, for a little chap, you certainly eat a whole lot!"

Louis, however, was not in the least taken aback.

"Remember this, Auntie," he said solemnly, "I ain't so little as I look from the outside."



Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

Sir Vincent Meredith Expresses Belief That Canada Will Prosper—Country Offers Inducements to Immigrants Vastly Superior to Those of Other Countries.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor Points Out That Canada Must Put House in Order—People Must Insist on Government Practicing Policy of Economy.

The 107th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that a gradual improvement in the trade situation is beginning. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is no regularity in the movement, at the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying result of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence:

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will most surely offer inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It stands third amongst the countries of the world in natural resources."

"If cardinal virtues must be practiced and I would again stress the necessity for hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things,

I look forward with the utmost confidence to Canada's future."

Much to be Thankful For.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager, in his address to the shareholders, said in part:

"First and foremost I would say that there must be an end to the present apathy about public affairs. In my opinion, those who will not go to the trouble to register their votes in municipal, provincial, and federal affairs could be penalized in some form for their indifference."

"We all know that apart from the cost and defects of the war Canada's troubles are the accumulated result of what may be termed in mild and temperate language imprudence in affairs."

"Good government is a hard problem in any country. No government can move faster in these matters than public opinion will permit, and upon the people lies the responsibility of voting for economy."

"We, in Canada, have much to be thankful for. If this were a poor country our case would be a bad one, but we have riches in our forests, our fields, our fisheries, and in our minerals, also in our mighty water powers, and in the industry and ambition of our people."

"If Canada were a private business enterprise the situation would present no great difficulty, for we are solvent, with wealth easily in excess of our liabilities; and a way would be found by following the obvious course of cutting down our overhead and, like a sane, capable and industrious people, putting our house in order."

"We are interested in obtaining

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HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

The health of many men and women engaged in certain industries is affected by benzol, a product largely used in this province in the preparation of rubber for commercial purposes. Too often in the past, before the effects of benzol poisoning were known, and measures taken to counteract it, there was a considerable amount of somewhat unexplainable sickness, through such conditions as loss of energy and loss of appetite, general weakness, sleeplessness and irritability. These and other symptoms of a kindred nature indicated that something was wrong, but just what the trouble actually was, constituted a problem. Knowing the effects of benzol poisoning, investigations were made by physicians from the Ontario Dept. of Health, in plants where this commodity was used. One of the first tests consisted in making an examination of the blood of the persons working there, to see if the amount of red and white corpuscles were up to the standard. In nearly every case where the worker had been submitted to the fumes of benzol for a considerable length of time, there was a diminution in the white blood count resulting in the symptoms already mentioned. Just how many people in the province are subjected to benzol fumes has not been determined up to the present,

but at any rate, there is definite proof that the poisoning from this source constitutes a health hazard, the injurious effects of which cannot be minimized.

It might be opportune to mention at this point that benzol is very active solvent for rubber. It is efficient and economical in all trades in which rubber has to be used. Its only two disadvantages, and both are formidable, are that the fumes are poisonous and highly inflammable. It will, therefore, be seen at once that measures have to be taken to control the fumes of benzol and quickly and efficiently remove them from workshops and factories where people are employed.

A few days ago I visited a large canning factory in this province where benzol is used in the manufacture of rubber rings for the lids of sardine cans. Recently one or two of the workers employed in this industry died and the cause of death was attributed to benzol poisoning. As a result, very active interest is now being taken by the management in the health of the workers, and every possible effort is being made to remove the danger of benzol poisoning. Powerful exhausts have been installed over the ovens where the benzol fumes are evaporated and these exhausts draw away a very large amount of the fumes. Except directly at the intake of the exhaust, the odor of benzol is hardly discernible. As a further precaution, the workers are subjected to a blood examination every month or six weeks, and if any indication of anemia is found, the affected person is either transferred to another department or allowed to go off for a period of rest and recuperation. The management has further shown its interest in the workers by providing a pint of fresh milk each morning for every worker in the benzol department, and this innovation has proved doubly successful in that it has stimulated the employees and especially the women employees to bring sandwiches, etc., to take with the milk. Many of these women, worried with household cares had hitherto time for only a cup of tea or coffee before coming to work. The provision of tea has brought about a better standard of health for every worker so favored, and in addition has reduced the time lost through sickness. Efforts are being made by the Industrial Hygiene Division of the Provincial Department of Health to interest all employers in the health of their workers so that active measures may be taken to preserve the health of all classes of people engaged in industry and so bring about a better standard of health and living conditions not only for the workers themselves but also for their families and dependents.

An Exploded Theory.
Bug—"Who said 'snug-as-a-bug-in-a-rug'?" Bah!"

The Electric Waiter.

In a certain restaurant in Detroit, the meals are served by electricity. The diner enters the restaurant, selects his table, notes on the menu the food he requires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waits a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the centre of the table, on a four-poster tray, appears the food he has ordered.

When the menu is slipped into the slot it drops to the kitchen below; the server there attends to the order, presses a button, and the food is on its way to the table.

When the diner has finished his meal he takes the bill, which has also been delivered by electricity, and pays at the usual cashier's desk.

Payment for articles advertised in this column should be made with Dominion Express Money Orders—a safe way of sending money by mail.

The Homer Pigeon.

What is not far off. Mothers can reduce the cost of filling Xmas stockings by securing a little painting book entitled "Tommy Tomkins Painting Book" in return for four OXO CUBE wrappers. It is filled with pictures showing how Tommy won a long distance race; how he won fame at football, boxing, wrestling; what he did when his automobile broke down in a big race and how he succeeded in keeping at the head of his class in school, etc. etc. "The Mighty Atoms" are always ready for making tea and confectionery and to put flavor and meat strength into soups, stews, hash, and meat pies. Ask any grocer, every store, of course, carries them, and mail the wrappers to Tommy Tomkins, Oxo Limited, 232 Lemire St., Montreal, P.Q., and your copy will be forwarded by return in time for racing in the Texas Stocking.

Free Paint Book for the Children.

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The Texas is the greatest physician.
Sir Herbert Barker.

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The Example of the Pine.

One day a boy and his father who were hunting in the mountains took shelter from the wind in the lee of some great gray boulders that lay like sleeping giants close to the crest of a lonely ridge. As the two looked upward they saw the wild autumn wind lay grim hands on a mountain pine that towered from the summit of the ridge. It was a sentinel that could escape no danger; it was an outpost to receive the first shock of the enemy's attack. Savagely the wind tore at it, shook it violently, howled through its shadowy branches. To the boy the tree, stalwart though it was, seemed about to be blown to pieces.

"Look, father," he said, pointing upward, "what the wind is doing to that pine."

The full fury of the blast just then made the pine shudder and sway wildly and heave desparingly against the stormy sky.

"Storms are an old story to that tree," said the father. "A tree like that from the time when it is high enough to catch the first breath of wind lives in a struggle. Tennyson describes an oak as 'storm-strengthened on a windy site'; and the strongest trees are always those that have weathered the greatest number of gales. Besides, the question is not, what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree?"

"The pine doesn't really seem to mind fighting the storm," the boy admitted.

"It's the same with us," the man said. "It really doesn't matter what happens to us, but it matters a great deal what happens in us. You see, a man's character is tested by everything that happens to him; he becomes either weaker or stronger. The test is not nearly so important as the result of the test. If you think clearly, nothing can really happen to you, but everything can happen in you. That old pine is safe because it resisted the first storm years and years ago, and it has kept on resisting. It is getting stronger all the time. Because of what has happened in it nothing harmful can happen to it."

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The full fury of the blast just then made the pine shudder and sway wildly and heave desparingly against the stormy sky.

"Storms are an old story to that tree," said the father. "A tree like that from the time when it is high enough to catch the first breath of wind lives in a struggle. Tennyson describes an oak as 'storm-strengthened on a windy site'; and the strongest trees are always those that have weathered the greatest number of gales. Besides, the question is not, what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree?"

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EASY TRICKS

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Hidden Spirits



This stunt does not amount to much if badly presented.

With a little care in working up the effect, however, it can be made very puzzling. The effect is that a spectator places a tumbling on the table, drops a coin into it and covers it with a handkerchief. The performer tends to magnetize the hidden coin. At his command it jumps up and down in the glass, ringing any number requested. At any rate, it seems to do that because the spectators, who are not too near, hear it ring. The secret is another tumbling, a small one, in the trickster's hip pocket. In this is a coin to which a thread is attached. The other end of the thread is fastened around a suspender button on the left side. The thread is slack enough so that the spectator can catch it around the little finger of his left hand. An imperceptible movement of the little finger will cause the coin in the hidden glass to pop up and down, making the ringing sound. At a few feet it will appear to come from the glass on the table.

The best part of the trick is to make suspicious movements with the right hand, leading the spectators to believe that the coin in the glass on the table is animated by a thread attached to it. If some confident spectator snatches the handkerchief away and accuses the trickster of doing the trick in that manner, the trickster can easily turn the laugh on him and at the same time divert attention from the real solution of the mystery.

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ALLAN DONNELL
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR:

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

And what is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.

New Fire Alarm Needed

Stirling needs a better fire alarm. The old cracked bell may serve the purpose in the summer when windows are all open, but its dulcet tones are scarcely strong enough for the winter months, when incidentally, fires are more likely to occur. A good siren would be vastly more effective and its cost might easily be offset by the saving of property at a single fire. Some of the firemen did not know of the fire at Mr. Belshaw's last Friday until, happening to glance out of their windows they saw the glow on the evening sky.

Keeping Christmas

Some people scoff at the spirit of Christmas; others merely observe the day and others still, keep it. The first class generally pose as superior individuals. They would not design to give gifts, or to join in the festivities of a season that brings joy to countless thousands and every year. They are the natural successors of the lyrics of old. The second are more like the Stoicks. They look on patiently, go through the form of observing in every way, but catch little or none of its spirit. It is those who are willing to forget what they have done for other people and to remember what others have done for them, who overlook for a little, what the world owes them and think of what they owe the world, who really enjoy the greatest of Christian festivals. For Christmas is a time for looking behind the face of people and realizing that their hearts are hungry for joy. It is a time for taking stock of the fact that life is not all getting, but that it is also giving, wholeheartedly, without thought of the reward. It is a time too, for realizing that love is stronger than hate, than evil, or even death. That was the essence of the message brought into the world by the Babe of Bethlehem twenty centuries ago, but men have been slow of heart to believe. The Christmas season

helps to impress that truth for one day at least—and if for one day, why not for every day?

Friends Give Shower to Mr. and Mrs. Preston

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, a number of friends and neighbors from Stirling and surrounding community gathered at the home of Mrs. Dodwell in Rawdon to spend a social evening with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Preston, who were recently married, and presented them with a miscellaneous shower:

Mr. Will Drewry ably called the gathering to order and Miss B. Rose bush read the following address:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Preston—

Having learned of your recent marriage, we, your friends and neighbors of this community think it opportune to gather here to-night to spend a social evening with you.

Since you both have been in our country but a short time, we would like to extend to you a Canadian hand of friendship, and welcome you in our country. Along with these gifts which we ask you to accept, we bring our best wishes and hope that you will have a long and happy wedded life.

Signed on behalf of your friends and neighbors

Mrs. CHAS. VANCE
MRS. WILL DREWRY
MISS B. ROSEBUSH

After the presents had been displayed Mr. and Mrs. Preston made very suitable replies thanking the people for the gifts and good wishes. After spending an enjoyable and sociable time the friends left at an early hour, feeling that it was a well spent evening.

Burnbrae News

The annual meeting of the "Busy Bees" Y. W. A. was held last Saturday at Bertha Wallace's and a Life Membership certificate was presented to Miss Jean Rannie (Honorary President) who was very much taken by surprise. The following officers for the coming year were elected:

Hon. Pres.—Miss Jean Rannie.
Pres.—Marjorie Rannie.
1st Vice Pres.—Irene Thompson.

2nd " " —Sylvia Whittom.

Sec.—Jean Craighead.

Treas.—Leahay Hay.

Organists—Helen Oddie, Fern Wetherill.

Ducks and geese seem to be changing many hands lately as shooting matches seem to be the order of the day.

Miss Sylvia Whittom returned home last week after spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Blairton News

We extend congratulations to the News-Argus and staff for a Happy Christmas from all sorrow this blessed 1924.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs Adelia Martin Cooke. Your correspondent has known her all her life and found her always a lovable and good lady.

Mr. Fred Anner of Edwards, N.Y., was recently calling on his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson and baby of Campbellford Hydro Co. were guests of her mother. Also Mr. H. Peterson was a guest at his mother's on Sunday.

Miss Dora Nicholson of Thorold is the expected guest of Miss Edith Cole.

Everywhere the schools and churches are preparing for their Christmas entertainments.

It is very cold, but, as usual, the hunters are calling for a harvest.

Miss McGee spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. Jos. Hofman of Havelock.

G. H. LUERY & SON

STORE NEWS

Christmas Suggestions

You can procure your Christmas Presents for Men, Women and Children from our large and well assorted stock of useful merchandise.

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Christmas Note of Cheer



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IV.

"Stay yourselves and Wonder"—
Isa. 29:9. Unto us a child is born and His name shall be called Wonderful.

Isa. 9:6

We have the misfortune to be living in the most wonderful age of the world's history. Yes, I said "misfortune." And why? Because we are in danger of losing the finest of our God-given and God-revealing senses: the Sense of Wonder. We are too grown up. We are losing the child's precious gift of wonder. We are not eager to find God's surprises. We are losing the child heart, the wondering heart, that is the key to all knowledge. We live in an age of marvels. One wonderful invention follows another. There is no limit to the inventions of man. On September 22nd the first circumnavigation of the world by air was accomplished. But this feat is almost already forgotten. A few weeks ago the greatest non-stop flight was made from Europe to America. Ten days ago a radio pen controlled in England

sketched the picture of "Our Prince of Baldwin and Coolidge in New York. We are nearing the time when "there shall be no more sea" as a barrier between the continents. And yet we seldom "stay ourselves to wonder."

II

Let us be thankful that every child that is born still wonders. What more precious than the look of astonishment in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning. God is near to us then, "These little ones which believe in Me." Do the children believe in the spiritual? Let the wonder of Christmas morning be the answer. It was Infinite Wisdom that designed that the race should be carried on by succeeding generations of children who believe and wonder. The great Pasteur never lost his divine astonishment, "Twas he who said: "To be astonished at anything is the first movement toward discovery."

III

There are those who think it foolish to "stay themselves to wonder." They would eliminate the signs and wonders which He did. I like the miraculous in our holy faith. "I love to lose myself in a mystery." "How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out." Those who are often "lost in wonder, love and praise" get the most out of life. Those nearest the child in heart are nearest to God in heaven.

IV

But of all the "Wonders of the World" Isaiah saw the greatest when he exclaimed: "Unto us a child is born and His name shall be called Wonderful." It was a wonderful gift that gave such a wonderful gift. Men ask

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"what think ye of Christ?" Sat close to Him and you will bow in Wonder before Him. He is not only a Wonder worker, but He is wonderful in sympathy, in wisdom and in love—Let us bow in wonder—this is the true spirit of Christmas.

Thee let age, and Thee let manhood,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering;
CHRIST THE LORD IS WONDERFUL



Christmas Gifts



OUR stock this season is well selected, special attention given to low priced and useful articles. We give you here a partial list and invite you to come in and see for yourself.

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Prayer Books
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Xmas Cards and Booklets
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PUBLIC NOTICE
To the Electors of the Village of Stirling.
A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, December 29th at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of Reeve and Councillors for the year 1925, and to nominate candidates for School Trustees to serve on the Board of Education for the year 1925. The following are the retiring members of the Board of Education: Dr. H. H. Alger, Bert Bedford, F. T. Ward, G. H. Luery, Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Stirling Council wish to notify all citizens that according to By-law No. 215 all citizens must remove all snow from walks adjoining their property, failing which men will be hired to do the same and the costs entailed will be added to the taxes of such property.

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Mr. Harold Elliott has joined the staff at F. T. Ward's Store.

Turkish guest sets \$1.15 to \$2.40 at Ward's. 15(a)

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall spent the week end in Toronto.

Miss Lillian McGuire, of the teaching staff of the Public School, was confined to the house yesterday with a heavy cold.

Silk and English Broadcloth Shirts neatly boxed \$3.00 and \$5.00 at Ward's. 15(a)

We are glad to learn that Mr. R. P. Coulter is making steady recovery from his recent illness.

Miss Myrtle Spencer is assisting in Messrs. G. H. Luery and Son's store until after the holidays.

Santa suggests an overcoat. See Ward. 15(a)

Mr. S. Caskey of Frankford spent Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reid.

Mr. Wm. West has purchased a half interest in Stirling Creamery from Mr. Thos. Cranston.

Mrs. T. H. McKee has received another case of oranges from her son, C. W. McKee, California.

A man's own choice, Crepe, Foulard and knitties in gift boxes, 50c. to \$1.50 at Ward's. 15(a)

Mr. T. Earl Heard of Pharmacy College, Toronto, arrived home Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heard.

Messrs. Stewart, Daly and Hubble of Campbellford and Rev. Jobin were Sunday Evening guests at Mr. Ed. Montgomery's, near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. C. I. Hatton and children Beth and Bob of Toronto arrived in Stirling on Sunday and will spend the holiday with Mr. Lindsay Melvillejohn and Miss Westcott.

Messrs. H. L. Vanallen and W. Harlow left yesterday morning with one hundred and forty birds to attend Oshawa Poultry Show.

Mr. Neill Bissonnette, Science Master, Seahart Collegiate Institute, is expected home on Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Ray Atkin, K. Thompson, C. Fargey, E. Wilson, E. Wood' G. Bird, G. Melvillejohn, W. Spencer, R. Reid and F. Hodges returned from Toronto on Saturday, where they attended a series of lectures and demonstrations in feeding and marketing bacon hogs. They report that the course was very interesting and instructive.

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7 p.m.—"The Nazareth Home."

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Morning

Anthem—"Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," by Maunder.

Solo—"The Birthday of a King," Bessie Conley,

Anthem—"Peace on Earth," by Simper.

Solo—"For the children" "The Little Christ Child," G. L. Clute.

Evening

Anthem—"Arise, Shine," by Simper.

Solo—"There Were Shepherds," G. L. Clute.

Anthem—"And He Shall Reign," by Churchill.

MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League

FALL TERM REPORT

Sr. IV. Lena M. Master 58; Jr. IV Gordon Bailey 78; Earl Cranston 57; Violet Cook 56; Sr. III Billy Heath 62; George Rummals 58; John Fleming 52; Edwin Faulkner 49; Alice Lee 48; Jr. III Helen Rummals 58; Lottie Fleming Irene Crantons equals 45; Jr. II Paul Stewart 70; Arthur Fleming 61; Carl Fleming 45; Donald Heath 34; Sr. I Lorrie Bailey 61; Kithra Fleming 42; Pr. (B) Donald Stewart; Melbourne Cooper; Clarence Moon.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. R. Good and family wish to express their sincere thanks to their friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

Wedding Bells

HAGERMAN—HOLDEN

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, Stirling, on Dec. 17th, at nine o'clock, a.m., by Rev. C. W. Barrett, when Laura Holden eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Holden, Stirling, was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Joseph Hagerman of Belleville. The couple were unattended and only immediate relatives were present. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was frocked in brown valetta trimmed with fur, suede shoes and hattoomach. After the ceremony the happy couple left by train, amidst showers of confetti and rice, for New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. After their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman will take up their residence in Belleville.

ENTERPRISE CHEESE CO.

The annual meeting of above company will be held at the Factory on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at one o'clock, for transaction of the general business of the company.

15(a) W. T. SINE, Pres.

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The annual meeting of the Evergreen Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at the factory on Tuesday Dec. 23rd at 1 o'clock sharp for settling up of the season's business. Election of Officers, letting of milk routes, drawing cheese and any other business that may come before the company.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams
December 10th a son (Francis Roy)

Harold Cheese & Butter Co.

The Annual Meeting of Harold Cheese and Butter Co. will be held at the factory on Monday, December 22nd, 1924 at one o'clock sharp. Business; Election of officers; Receiving reports. General business.

W. H. HEATH, CHAS. MUMBY,
Secretary.

President.

Sterling Cheese Company

The Annual General meeting of the Sterling Cheese Company will be held at the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, at 1 o'clock p.m. for settling up the season's business. Election of Officers, selling milk routes and any other business in connection with the Company.

C. M. SINE,
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About the House

STOCKING TOYS.

As a general thing, most old stockings are thrown away when they are too worn-out to darn any more.

But we will continue to make toys from ours that will more than delight the babies and small children.

Do not use silk ones; they split too readily, and the plain lisle are apt to stretch. The ribbed ones are best, and be sure they have no holes in the legs, for that is the part to use.

For a funny old "mammy doll" proceed as follows: Cut off the foot and sew the leg straight across the top, so as to form a bag. Then decide how big you want your doll, for the longer the leg the bigger she will be.

Stuff with cotton or old rags—more stockings cut up small will do—till the head is round and large enough. Then tie a string tightly around the neck to hold it in place and form the head. Stuff the rest of the body and sew up the bottom.

For arms and legs, take a piece of stocking the desired length, roll up and wrap tightly with black thread, sewing at the bottom. Tie a string a little way up to form the hand.

The legs are made the same way, but turn up about an inch at right angles to the leg to form a foot and catch with a few stitches, then sew the arms and legs on the doll.

Outline the features with white thread, making large googly eyes and a big mouth with stitches taken across it for teeth. Dress mammy as you scraps you may have, but be sure to make her an apron and a head hand-kerchief with stick-up ears.

A dear little girl doll is made the same way from a white stocking, and dressed in dainty clothes, with the features done in colors—blue eyes, red mouth and perhaps a touch of rouge on her pale cheeks. If she has a little cap, she needs no hair.

The funniest sort of witch's black cat is made by making the head and body this same way, then pinching up the two corners of the head for ears, gathering them a little and fastening with a few tight stitches. Do not sew on legs and arms; they can be outlined on the body with white, if liked, or left out altogether. Outline the features and whiskers in white, with a touch of green or yellow for the eyes. Make quite a long tail, wrapped like the doll limbs, and sew on tightly.

A rabbit is made from a white stocking by adding long ears to the body made like the cat, with a tail of a wad of cotton sewed on. The ears should be cut out separately and doubled and turned and sewed on. They are less trouble made from white flannel. Outline the features in black. He and the cat may have a ribbon tied around their necks, with perhaps a lace on the ears.

THE FEET AND ANKLES.

The appearance of the feet and ankles is of great importance, now that short skirts and low shoes are so generally worn. While it is impossible for every one to have a small foot, certainly every one can have a neat or dainty-looking foot. The last place to economize is on shoes. It is better to wear one fairly high-priced pair of shoes throughout a season, than two cheap pairs.

Of course you will not be able to wear well-fitting shoes comfortably if the feet hurt. I do not mean that shoes should be tight, but neither should they be too loose; one produces corns as much as the other. Given the right sort of footgear, it is quite possible to keep the feet healthy without ever having to go to a chiropodist.

The feet, as well as the body, should be bathed daily; not just give a care less washing, but scrubbed with mild soap and a fresh brush. They should be dried well and gone over with a corn file. Every callus should be rubbed down, the corns softened by soaking and either filed down, or if very bad, the top callus skin should be cut off with cuticle scissors. It is quite possible to do this without touching any of the living tissue. Very stubborn corns should be bound up with a slice of lemon over them—next day the hard skin will easily come off.

Tender feet should be soaked in hot salt water, the proportion being a cupful of sea-salt to a quart of hot water. This rests the feet, and hardens them. If the skin of the foot is very dry, there is nothing better than sweet-oil or vaseline to use as a daily massage. In fact, corns and calli rubbed daily with sweet-oil, vaseline, or cold cream, will eventually disappear. One woman has been successful in

reducing enlarged joints (bunions) by applying turpentine, night and morning; in fact, she declares that the turpentine "almost shrinks the bone."

We repeat the remedy for split skin (between the toes): When the skin splits between the toes, apply chalk, the kind used for writing upon blackboards. Procure a stick of the chalk, scrape off the outer layer and throw this away. Scrape the remaining chalk to fine powder and dust this powder between toes. The chalk has a drying effect which is very healing and gives quick relief.

If free of the common ailments of the feet, and a moderate amount can be spent for shoes, every woman can boast of neat and attractive-looking feet. Size does not matter so much; the large woman must have large feet, or she will look top heavy. If they seem too big, however, she should carefully avoid fancy styles of footwear, and buy nothing but the plainest and best.

PATCHING UP THE MIRROR.

We have a mirror from which the silver has come off in several places. Could you tell me what I could do to it?—Mrs. C. H.

Clean the bare portion of the glass by rubbing it gently with fine cotton, taking care to remove any trace of dust and grease. If this cleaning be not done very carefully, defects will appear around the place repaired. With the point of a penknife, cut upon the back of another looking glass around a portion of the silverying of the required form, but a little larger. Upon it place a small drop of mercury; a drop the size of a pin-head will be sufficient for a surface equal to the size of the nail. The mercury spreads immediately, penetrates the amalgam to where it was cut off with the knife, and the required piece may be now lifted and removed to the place to be repaired. This is the most difficult part of the operation. Then press lightly the renewed portion with cotton; it hardens almost immediately, and the glass presents the same appearance.

A NEW DOLL OUTFIT.



DOLL 4579

4579. This is a very desirable model and one that will please the little "doll mother," for not only the garments but the doll as well may be made from the pattern here given. The doll may be of drill or unbleached muslin, and stuffed with floss hair or cotton batting. The dress could be of gingham, cretonne, chambray, silk or crepe, and the cap, to match, or of lace or embroidery.

The Pattern is cut in 8 Sizes for dolls: 12, 16 and 20 inches in length. To make the doll in a 16-inch size requires $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of 36-inch material. The dress and cap require $\frac{1}{4}$ yard. The cap alone requires $\frac{1}{4}$ yard.

Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 20c in silver, by the Wilson Publishing Co., 78 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

Send 15c in silver for our up-to-date Fall and Winter 1924-1925 Book of Fashions.

FRENCH ONION SOUP.

Winter is the season for thick soups, and this one which, with a liberal chunk of bread, makes a whole meal for the Breton peasant, is especially good. Peel four large onions and two carrots. The onions should be chopped fine, and the carrots sliced. Put them into an enameled ware saucepan with three tablespoonsfuls of butter and saute them until the onions are well browned. Use a quarter teaspoonful of sugar and half a teaspoonful of salt. Add a quart of water and boil for two hours, adding more water as it boils away. This soup should be served with a slice of bread in each plate.

For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

"I have something to say too!" answered Peter gaily, for it was a spring day and all the world seemed young and gay. "If we have to avoid May, it must be not later than the twenty-ninth of April—our wedding, I mean—for I don't propose to wait till June."

She sat down suddenly, as if her colossal task! For Peter Garvock was no weakling to be tossed hither and thither on the froth of a woman's whim. He would probe deeper. The dreary conviction that nothing but the truth would satisfy him, pene-trated Carlotta's soul.

"Darling!" he said, impassionedly, "say it will be the twenty-ninth. You have kept me in a state of uncertainty so long, I'm going to take the law into my own hands. Do you hear? The law needs and wants its mistress, and I am tired of waiting."

It seemed a long, long time before she spoke again, and then she rose to her feet and looked at him quit straightly, in the face. "I am very sorry, Peter, but I cannot marry you at all."

CHAPTER IV.

THE MARCH DYKE.

A lover, secure in the knowledge of love given and returned, might have taken the words as a jest, to be frowned or laughed over as the occasion seemed to demand; but the tone in which Carlotta uttered them, the set and almost agonized expression of her face, drove them home with relentless force.

Even at the moment when he knew her finality, Garvock tried to make light of them. "You can't marry me!" he repeated. "Oh, come, a Carlotta! It is not a very kind jest between you and me at this late day!"

"It is not a jest," she answered duly. "I would not make that kind of jest. It would be unseemly. Besides, I am not a jesting woman."

"Then why?" he stammered, "why this change of front?"

But this time she had no direct answer ready. Her eyes evaded his and sought to follow the flight of a bird on the wing.

Presently, however, she brought them back to his face.

Her expression had changed again, for swift and bewildering variety was one of the chief charms of that mobile face.

"I think you can't be very much surprised. We have been engaged just three weeks, but have you ever had, in that time, any feeling of security or happiness?"

"I had your promise," he said gloomily, "the promise I am going to claim."

"Do you remember the day it was given?" she asked swiftly. "It was not a happy day. It is not yet so far away but that you can recall precisely what I said."

"You said you did not care for me," he answered, readily enough. "But I answered that I could teach you."

"And you remember what I said in answer to that? 'Love gives itself.'

"Then who—who is it? Someone you have seen since we met last?" he demanded thickly.

His face flushed dullly.

"I was not seeking to buy your love, Carlotta. Be just to me. I did not so much as mention material things."

"Oh, no!" she said, with a swift glance of compassion for him. "It was I who was mercenary, sordid, base! I told you I was tempted as a poor woman can be tempted by a rich man. I said horrible things, which afterwards I hated myself for. But your patience was boundless."

"Because I cared so much, Carlotta," said Peter Garvock with strange humility. "Besides, I did not believe the half of them. I understood you better than you understand yourself."

For the first time, she studied his strong, harsh face attentively, thinking of the pity of it, and how, given love—the necessary, the all-forgetful love—the right woman might find and cherish the gold of a nature that wore its most forbidding characteristics on the outside.

"If you understand me then, Peter, try to understand me now," she said, in a low, sweet voice. "I am very miserable. I wish we had never met. Try foaming at the mouth. 'But he shall charged'?"

"I wish I had choked his black heart out of him before I brought him!" cried Peter Garvock, almost foaming at the mouth. "But he shall

never have you, Carlotta! Never while I live."

She shrank back, the woman in her quelling momentarily before the fury of his face.

"And all this high-falutin' nonsense about your being ordained for one another from the beginning of time! I wonder how many woman he has led on, his evil passions rising with every word."

Carlotta put up an arresting hand. "I must leave you, Peter Garvock. All this talk will serve no end. I will probably I never shall be, but I will never be yours. I ask your forgiveness for—for these three weeks of folly and misery! Some day you will come to me and thank me for what I have done this day."

When she would have turned from him he grasped her arm.

(To be continued.)

The Sheik's Justice.

The sheik of an Arab tribe, says Mr. Paul Harrison in a recent issue of Asia, exercised unlimited power; of him it may be said as it was of Nebuchadnezzar, "Whom he would he slew and whom he would he kept alive." The only check upon his actions is public opinion and the likelihood of its expressing itself in the form of assassination if he becomes too unpopular. The office is hereditary and in the natural course of events passes to the eldest son; but occasionally, if the heir is obviously a man of no force, one of the other children assumes it instead. "The ablest ruler is the man wanted and the one eventually secured. No one cares much to what family he belongs."

Able some of the sheiks certainly are, and according to their lights and traditions just, although the frightful severity of the punishments inflicted would often seem to the more merciful mind of the Occident out of all proportion to the offenses committed. Flogging, cutting off the hands and decapitation are frequent. But Mr. Harrison tells of one act of justice, severe in its way, it is true, but such as to win approval in the Western world no less than in the Orient.

Ibu Jilawi, Governor of Hasa, holds his court in Hofut, the capital. He rules with a rod of iron, and the rich and powerful may expect no favors at his hands. He is absolutely incorruptible and impartial.

One day there appeared before him as complainant a poor and ignorant villager whose cow some boys on a hunting expedition had shot and killed. A careful description of the party made it possible to gather the entire number before the governor. The villager did not know the name of the ring-leader, but on being asked if he could identify him at once pointed him out. To his horror he learned that the lad was Ibu Jilawi's own son.

"Did you do this?" the father asked sternly.

"Yes, I did it," acknowledged the boy.

The boy had a very fine mare, a recent gift from his father, and at the father's command she was brought in.

"Would you," asked Ibu Jilawi with the utmost courtesy, "be willing to repay this mare as an adequate compensation for the loss of your cow?"

"Certainly," replied the villager. "She is worth many times the value of my cow, but I hope you will excuse me from taking her. If I had had the least idea who the offender was, I should never have entered a complaint."

"No doubt that is true," replied Ibu Jilawi with a smile, "but nevertheless you will not be excused from taking the mare. The boy will apologize to you unqualifiedly, and if you will then consider the matter settled I shall be sincerely indebted to you."

So, having received the apology, the villager led off the mare. The child's heart was almost broken, but it was not until some time later that Ibu Jilawi bought the mare back for him, and then at a thousand rials, or Maria Theresa dollars, a sum sufficient to make the villager independently wealthy for the rest of his life.

This is a new departure, and shoes composed of it look smart and promise to wear well. It is brown, and the holes out of which feathers have been plucked show a deeper tone and make an effective decoration.

A shoemaker who has introduced these shoes is also making models in walrus skin, and is experimenting with the skin of the rayfish, which he thinks will be very successful for footwear.

Date Palms in Desert.

Though the date palm is commonly thought of as a desert plant, its roots must be constantly kept wet, in the marshy soil of the oasis in which it grows.

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Bass Voice Requires the Most Energy.

An eminent physician, presenting before the Academy of Medicine in Paris the results of an investigation of the amount of work performed by orators and singers, said he found from his experiments that a bass voice, in order to produce the same impression upon the ears of an audience in a hall requires the performance of about eighteen times more work than is required of a baritone or tenor voice. A bass voice is always at a disadvantage with regard to the amount of work demanded of it, he said. It was also found, he added, that men and children by an equal effort of the voice, and men with bass voices suffer the most fatigue.



He—"Do you believe love comes more than once?"

She—"If you treat him right, he does."

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts.

Percy's Puzzle.

The teacher had been lecturing his class on the wisdom often displayed by animals and birds. He compared it with that of human beings, to the latter's disadvantage. Having finished his discourse, he invited his pupils to ask questions bearing on the subject.

Percy held up his hand.

"Well, Percy," said the teacher, "what is it you want to know?"

"I want to know, sir," replied Percy, "what makes chickens know how big our egg-cups are?"

Health Notes.

Two business men, having to spend a few hours in a small town, decided to dine at the village school.

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Autos
Wool and Plush
Rugs, Robes, Blan-
kets
The Best Gloves and
Mitts

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PHONE 38

River Valley

(Left over from last week)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr and Ernest
took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence
Chard.

Mrs. Ann Bush is spending a few days
at the home of her son, Mr. Arthur

Bush, Glen Miller.
The meeting of the R. V. W. I. was
held at the home of Miss Nellie Squires on
Thursday, Jan. 4th. Their was a good
attendance and a splendid report was
given by Mrs. Clifford Barragar of the
annual convention held in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bush and Mrs.
Mary Vanderhoof spent Sunday after-



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Opportunities used to come
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noon at the home of Mr. Robert Bush,
4th concession Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hyde, Frankford
visited at the home of Mr. W. H. Hanna
recently.

Mr. George McGowan spent a couple
of days this week with his sister, Mrs.
Royal Herman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon McIntosh spent
Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Alex Park.

Obituary

ROBERT GOOD

The late Robert Good passed away
at his home in Rawdon on Sunday
morning December 14th, in his 75th
year. For several years he has been
in feeble health resulting from rheum-
atism and heart trouble, but bore his
affliction with wonderful courage and
cheerfulness. In very early life Mr.
Good came from the old land and settled
in this community and for the
past 40 years has lived on his present
farm. In his younger days he was a
very active and industrious man and
proved himself a first class farmer.
Through the years he has won and
retained the respect of his neighbors
and friends who always found him
ready to every call for help or
encouragement. In religion he was
a Methodist and for many years was
an active official being a trustee of the
Methodist Church at Stirling at the
time of his death. The funeral service
which was largely attended was conduc-
ted by his pastor Rev. C. W. Barrett
assisted by Rev. B. F. Byers of the
Anglican Church. The members of the
Oddfellows Lodge, of which society
the deceased was a member, also officiated
at the grave. Three of the members
of L. O. L. No. 300, of which deceas-
ed was also a member, assisted as
bearers.

Floral Tributes were received from
the following friends.

Pillow, Mrs. Good and Will.
Gates Ajar, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrasher,
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morrow,
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Cross,
Mr. S. Good, Wreaths, I. O. O. F. No.
239 and L. O. L. No. 300, Sprays, Mrs.
A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kennedy
and Family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. DuVal,
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Miss
E. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leigh
and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Clarke.

Besides his wife he leaves four children,
Mrs. Thrasher and Mrs. E. Morrow
of Sidne Township and Mrs. J. B.
Thompson of Rawdon Township and
one son William R. at home all of
whom hold sacred the memory of a
good husband and kind father. He is
also survived by an only brother, Mr.
Samuel Good of Thomasburg.

In June 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Good cel-
ebrated the 50th anniversary of their
marriage. His death makes the first
break in the family circle.

MRS. W. A. VANMEER

Following an illness of three months
the death of Mrs. W. A. Van Meer
took place at her late residence in
Trenton on Monday, December 8th.
Deceased was born at Hilton, Bright-
on Township and was the third
daughter of the late Edward and Jane
Robinson.

Her life was spent in the homestead,

ilton, until shortly before her mar-
riage when she came to Trenton,
where she spent the remainder of her
life. She was a Methodist and was
active in church work. Beside her
husband, she leaves to mourn her loss,
two children, Mrs. D. Derry of Stirling
and Harry E. of Smith Falls and one
brother Frank, of Merriton, Ont.

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District News and Views Conducted by

ARTHUR WILSON

What Your Home Paper Does

It starts in
When you were born
Relates about your excellencies
And tells about your sweethearts.
It follows you to school
And prints the Honor Roll—
If your name is to be found there.
It tells of your graduation,
And then your progress.
During your college career.
Later on it dilates about
Your choice of a location,
Then it gives a lengthy notice
About your marriage
And praises the blushing bride
Till her kinfolk do not know her;
Then in due course of events
It tells about the bouncing baby
That happens in your family,
Thereby beginning its work
All over and over again.
The newspaper does all this
And also does much more.
It tells of the progress
Made by city and county
And boasts all their enterprises,
Gives free advertising
Worth thousands of dollars
To its home town,
These are a few of the things
That all good newspapers do
For which they cannot be paid.
That is why every citizen
Should do his very best
To support the newspaper
In every possible way
And all the time.

Miss Katie Bray who won first prize
for her speech on "The Costs and Benefit
of Education" at the School Fair last
autumn gave the same speech before the
County Council at Belleville two weeks ago.
We regret that it will be impossible
to reproduce her very fine address for the
present at least, as the printing office
claims to be very busy at this Christmas
season.

LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

L. O. L. No 300 met on Monday evening
and elected the following officers.
They were installed by county Master
Bro. Jas. Haggerty.
W.M.—Bro. Morley Haggerty
D.M.— " Albert Kingston.
Chap.— " Frank Ashley.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. Arthur Wilson.
Fin. Sec.— " E. T. Sarles.
D. of C.—Bro. Fred Kingston.
1st Lecturer—Wilfred Johnston.
2nd Lecturer—Donald Fargey.
Tiler—Lorne Wilson.

Rawdon Rifle Association

(Continued from Page 1)
The following are the winners of
special prizes.

May 24th 1924
1st G. S. Eastwood, 2nd J. McKeown
3rd Thos. Prest, 4th Simon Mathews
June 11th 1924
1st J. McKeown, 2nd G. E. Thompson
3rd Carl Caldwell, 2nd Wm. McInroy
September 1st 1924
1st G. K. Reid, 2nd John McKeown
3rd W. A. Bateman 4th Geo. E. Thompson

December 1st 1924

1st J. McKeown, 2nd W. A. Bateman
3rd G. E. Thompson, 2nd C. Burkett

The attendance at the Rifle Range

has been good, the average being 29,

the maximum 36.

This association sent a team of four
men to the Dominion of Canada Rifle
Association Match on Connaught
Ranges, Ottawa in August at which
event they made a good showing and
won several Prizes.

The Board of Management wish to
take this opportunity of thanking all
the members for their hearty co-operation
which resulted in such a successful
year for the association.

They also wish to announce that the
annual meeting of the association will be
held at the Orange Hall, Spring-
brook, on Saturday, December 27th at
8 p.m. In addition to the general busi-
ness the Prize money won during the
past year will be distributed. A full
attendance of the members is requested.

J. F. Baker
Secretary, Bonarlaw

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sometimes causes a restless, nervous feel-
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ASSETS

Gold, Dominion Notes, and Silver Coin	\$ 94,996,723.58
Deposits with Central Gold Reserve	14,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	69,517,496.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	118,188,540.98
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	91,612,453.73
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	6,385,569.34
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	42,392,715.21
Notes and cheques of other Banks	30,772,635.38
United States and other foreign currencies	650,833.09
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	259,515,557.66
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	11,003,562.70
	\$748,836,068.56

LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Notes in circulation	\$ 39,306,908.00
Deposits	641,027,425.43
Letters of credit outstanding	11,003,562.70
Other liabilities	865,820.18
	\$692,203,716.31

Excess of Assets over Liabilities to
public \$56,632,372.25

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Good, clean, soft Elm, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple Logs, 14
inches and over in diameter, cut 5, 10 and 15ft, long (cut off
all shaky butts) for which we will pay \$30.00 per 1,000 ft. de-
livered in our yard; also Basswood logs cut 10 and 12 ft. at
\$25.00 per thousand feet delivered at our yard.

Pine, Balsam and Basswood Bolts, 54 in. long, 6 in. and
over in diameter for which we will pay \$8.00 per cord de-
livered in our yard. Poplar and Spruce bolts at \$6.00 per
cord.

TIES

A limited number of ties cut 8ft. long, 9 1/2 in. and over in
diameter for a No. 1 tie, from 8in. to 9 1/2 in. in diameter is 2nd
class. Ties to go in first class must be straight. We will pay
the following prices:—White Oak No. 1, 95c, No. 2, 70c. Red
Oak No. 1, 70c, No. 2, 45c. Hardwood No. 1, 45c. No. 2, 35c
These prices are delivered at our yard. Cut all ties as nearly
right length as possible and to be cut square at both ends.

Stirling Cheese Box & Basket Co. STIRLING ONTARIO.

BIG ODDFELLOWS' RALLY

Another Oddfellow's rally was held
in Havelock last Thursday. About
300 members foregathered from Peter-
boro, Norwood, Tweed, Madoc, Stir-
ling and Thomasburg and Past Grand
Campbellford.

River Valley

(Left over from last week)

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Children's Aid Society

Belleville, Dec. 17th, 1924.
28 Cedar Street.

DEAR FRIEND,—
Your donation will help us in the work of caring for Neglected Children.

Forty-three children had to be made wards of the Society, and we had an average of twenty-five per week in the Shelter. Seventy-seven wards were placed in good foster homes. Is this worth while?

Kindly remember this work. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

All donations will be greatly received.

SAVE THE CHILDREN!

BUILD THE NATION!

MAKE OTHERS HAPPY!!

Think of the Kiddies, their sorrows to lighten,
Your pure strings sing open, their sorrows to brighten."

H. F. KETCHESON,
Treasurer,
30 Bridge St., Belleville.
THOS. D. RUSTON,
Local Superintendent.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

L.O.L. No. 509, Rawdon met on December 1st and the following letter of condolence was read in open lodge.

Dear Sir and Brother.—Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from your family circle a beloved mother, we the officers and members of L.O.L. No. 509, extend to you our deepest sympathy in the loss you are called upon to bear.

Our prayer is that God who saw fit in his divine Providence to take your beloved mother to her eternal home, may give you sufficient grace to bear your sorrow and to say, 'Thy will be done,' and that when you are called away, you may meet her in that celestial Kingdom that is prepared for those who love and serve Him.

Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;

He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee,
And death has no sting, for the Saviour has died.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge
Murray Roy, W. M.
Wm. J. Johnston, Chap.
Percy Sine, Rec. Sec.

BOOK PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

Prof. B. K. Sandwell, who lectured in Stirling last week has presented a book of poems by Gilbert McGregor Moffat to the Public Library. Prof. Sandwell was the author of the preface to the book and his gift is much appreciated. It will be on the shelves early in the new year.

Boys' Parliament to Convene This Week

Significant Gathering Will be Held in Toronto—Three Candidates for Premiership—Objects Aimed at

One of the most significant assemblies of this allegedly enlightened age will convene in Toronto this week. It is the fourth older boys' Parliament, the members for which were elected by C.S.E.T. groups and organized church classes on Nov. 29th. The sessions will be held in the Ontario Parliament buildings and will open on Dec. 26th and close Dec. 29th. There is a three-cornered fight for the Premiership, Frank Adams of London leader of the Advance party. Ed. A. Pickering of Windsor, leader of the Ahnek party and Gordon Lapp, Brantford, Independent.

North Hastings' will be represented this year by a Stirling boy, Duncan Marshall who we feel sure, will render fine service to his constituents. The objects aimed at by the Parliament are stated very concisely in a joint proclamation issued by the three candidates for the Premiership, a portion of which follows:

The purpose of this Parliament is not Parliamentary; it is not political; nor is it merely a display of trappings and formality. The purpose of this Parliament is to reach the boyhood of Ontario and mould it into true men and true citizens of humanity.

There are thousands of teen age boys growing up within the influence of low conditions; growing up with a squinted outlook on life, with selfishness uppermost; growing up with hate and sin where there should be love and rectitude.

To go out in the highways and the by-ways to reach this Ontario of tomorrow, and to make it worthy of itself. This is the supreme task of Parliament.

And to that purpose on the 29th of November, the boys of Ontario select some 100 representatives. The results of that day are the results of the Parliament. If members are selected whose pursuit is not personal honor, whose burning ambition is to serve and not be served, then we need not fear. If, on the other hand, members are selected whose ambition is personal honor, the Parliament is doomed.

For the sake of the boyhood of Ontario, we, the undersigned candidates, not for a political office, but for an opportunity to serve you, ask you, the electorate, to send to Toronto men of the highest calibre, the noblest ideals.

Yours sincerely,

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The Star of Bethlehem

- I. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.
- II. Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him.
- XI. And when they were come into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matt. II:1-2-11.

Sandwell Lecture Popular "Experiment"

First of Series of University Extension Lectures on Bad Books and Their Uses Created Much Interest

"We need Canadian poets and poetry. Poetry teaches us to love our native soil and to appreciate our natural life. So said Professor Sandwell, of Queen's University to an audience of High School students and others interested, in the school that almost filled the opera house, on Thursday evening. The subject chosen for the lecture given was Bad books and their Uses. By Bad Books Professor Sandwell meant books which were not good enough to be ranked with the best. The speaker did not stick very closely to his text, but won all hearts by his delightfully humorous remarks. He suggested that all students should try their hand at writing poetry, for though all poetry did not survive, yet a certain amount was sure to do so. Some inferior work was necessary in every age out of which better work might grow. All literature he said, is hatched as an egg, and books in our country are now passing through this stage—a very important one for this Dominion.

The evening's entertainment was an experiment, according to Principal Haipenny, who acted as chairman. The University extension lecture composed half the programme while the pupils contributed the remainder. Community singing, two spirited choruses by eighteen girls and boys, the reading of the school paper by Miss Myrtle Reid and an exceedingly well-executed demonstration of club-swinging by Misses Nellie Tulloch, Edna Spy, Phoebe Mumby, Gladys Rollins, Winifred McInroy and Myrtle Reid completed the programme. We feel sure that Professor Sandwell's offer to pick out a good sample of a university professor for the next experiment will be accepted.

A collection was taken at the door to help defray expenses.

PLACES OBSTRUCTION ON RY.

Some days ago, someone had placed a railway tie on the track and interfered with the signal lights at Anson Junction. A freight train is said to have had a narrow escape. Yesterday a young man named Harry Snarr was arrested charged with the offence. He was taken to Belleville by C.N.R. officer Howard and will be tried today.

Foxboro-Tweed Road

Hastings County Council decided on Friday night to proceed with the repairs of the county road from Foxboro to the Tweed Gravel Road as soon as possible, so as to make it safe for travel. The matter was referred to the chairman of roads and the assistant superintendent with power to act. This road is one much used in marketing of stock. It is probable that the work will be started and possibly completed this month.—Tweed News

Services at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's congregation is being favored with services conducted by some exceptionally able ministers. Last Sunday, Dr. Colin Young of Toronto, who has supervision of the non-Anglo-Saxon work of the Presbyterian church preached. In the evening his theme was an appeal for the missionary work of the church and special mention was made of the splendid work of the W.M.F. in establishing and maintaining church hospitals and schools, chiefly amongst settlements of foreign born Canadians. The music provided by the choir on Sunday last is worthy of special mention as the Christmas service of song. In the morning the anthem "Song of Praise" (Ashford) with its obligato "angel chorus" was exceptionally suitable for the opening number and was beautifully rendered. Then "Sing unto God" (Danks) was an appropriate song of praise for this season.

In the evening a solo "A Christmas Lullaby" was sung softly and with great expression by Stella Marshall. The beautiful rousing Christmas anthem "Christian Awake" (Mauder) was excellently given. The service closed with a fitting and impressive trio "Holy Night."

Minutes of Sidney Council

Sidney Council met Dec. 15, with all the members present. The minutes of the August meeting were read and adopted on motion of E. J. Pyear, seconded by W. L. Vandervoort.

Mr. Jas. Cooney asked for an extension of time for payment of his taxes. The matter was left in the hands of the collector. In request of B. O. Lott and others for Kennel License, the clerk was instructed to state the conditions laid down in the statutes under which a Kennel License could be granted.

A communication from H. J. Clarke was read, asking for some improvement to the lane leading from the Stirling Belleville Road to a number of cottages along Oak Lake on the farm of W. J. Detlor but was not finally dealt with at this meeting.

Moved by Ketcheson.—Pyeary, that the 1924 taxes on the Pump House less the dog tax be refunded to the City of Belleville.—carried

Moved by Ketcheson.—Vandervoort, that the communication of R. Ponton Re Sidney Township and the Parks Commission of Belleville be received and filed.—carried

Moved by Vandervoort.—Ketcheson, that the following accounts be paid:

S. Masson	\$51.15
D. E. Coon	4.00
H. Bowers	4.00
J. Tucker	4.00

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COMING EVENTS

Notices under this head 10 cents a line with a minimum charge 35c each issue

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PHONE 28.

It is surely foolish to make Christmas mean 'Santa Claus' only, to our children, and then expect to produce men and women who think first of God's Great Gift to the world in connection with Christmas.

Mr. Rupert was a man of sterling worth highly respected and esteemed by a very wide circle of friends. A devoted husband, a loving and wise father, a true neighbor ever ready to lend a helping hand, he will be greatly missed in the home, the church and community.

He leaves to mourn his loss four sons, Butler of Wellman's Corners; George of Huntingdon, Burton and Fred of Thurlow; two daughters, Mrs. Young of Millington, Mich. and Miss Nettie at home; two sisters, Mrs. Canniff of Ottawa and Mrs. Albert Tucker of Rawdon; two brothers, Thomas of Springfield and Charles of the United States.

The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 4th in the Bethel church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. G. Joblin and attended by a very large number of friends. The remains were laid away in the adjoining cemetery to await the Resurrection of the just.

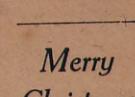
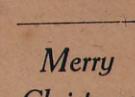
Servant of God, well done! The glorious warfare's past; The battle's fought, the race is won And thou art crowned at last.

MRS. JOHN V. GALLIVAN

Last Tuesday evening about seven-thirty, Mrs. John V. Gallivan passed to her reward. She had not been in good health for some time, but no one expected her death which came so suddenly. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finnegan, two sisters, Maggie and Marie; five brothers, Joseph, Patrick, Frank, William and Thomas.

The funeral mass took place on Fri-

That all may have
Merry Christmas



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SHAPING THE YOUNG APPLE TREE.

The directing of the growth during the early years of the apple tree is of particular importance. The ideal tree is probably that which has the first branches about 24 inches from the ground, and the five or six branches which form the frame of the tree spaced evenly as far apart as possible. Particularly desirable is it to remove the next to the last branch at the top, which, if left, will produce a weak top because of the forked crotch formed with the top limb.

Heading back at planting time is necessary to balance the loss of roots cut off by digging. Tests made at Kentville show an average growth of 4.82 inches the first year and 20 inches the second year, where newly planted trees had three-quarters of their growth removed, whereas similar trees not headed back made a growth of one inch the first year and 2.4 inches the second year.

Strong growth branches should be suppressed by heading back and weak branches not pruned at all. If the whole tree is weak, a severe heading back in the spring will throw greater vigor into the remaining buds, and thus bring about a more vigorous development. But, if there are weak branches on one side of a tree and strong ones on the other, the reduction of the leaf area on the weak branches will tend further to weaken these branches because of the stronger sap flow toward the greater foliage area. Obviously, therefore, a reduction of foliage area on the strong branches will lessen this tendency and throw more growth toward the weaker branches.

The central branch should be allowed to maintain the lead, not however, for the purpose of forming a pyramidal tree with central leader, but that from it several well-spaced scaffold limbs may be developed, thus forming a more desirable type of tree than if the scaffold branches are developed on side limbs only. After a few good scaffold branches are formed on this central leader, further tendency toward a pyramidal form with central leader extending high into the air and having many branches radiating from it should be checked, the aim being to form a tree combining the desirable features of the moderate pyramidal form and eliminating the undesirable open-centre type of tree.

To balance the tree, the heading back of strong growing branches is necessary. This heading back tends to

develop side branches, and attention must be given to the elimination of some of these, so that too many scaffold branches may not be formed. The whole aim should be to build up a framework that will carry large crops of fruit and at the same time not have an over-abundance of large branches.

SELECTING BREEDERS FOR EGG PRODUCTION.

As the time approaches when the breeding pens will have to be mated it becomes necessary to give careful attention to this, the most important work of the season.

The male selected should be one who is the son not only of a high laying hen, but of a hen having the power to transmit the quality to her daughters. When after careful study of records, it has been decided to use a male from a certain dam, the next point is selection of a promising specimen. Try to maintain size in the flock by choosing a bird as near standard weight as possible. More important still, however, is it to select a bird with constitutional vigor—one with a broad back and with the width carried well back to the tail, and having also a good depth of body. The head—and this is most important, because the vigor of the bird is expressed in his head and eye—should be clean-cut, free from coarseness, and with the face clear of wrinkles. The eye should be prominent and piercing.

To such a male mate the requisite number of females. This will depend on the breed and the conditions under which the birds are being kept. For American breeds such as the Plymouth Rock or Wyandottes from ten to twelve will make a satisfactory pen. For Mediterranean breeds, such as the Leghorn, about fifteen females may be used; but in all cases where the breeders have free range a larger number of females may be used.

Yearling hens make ideal breeders, but older hens or well developed pullets will also give excellent results. In selecting these birds also keep constitutional vigor in mind. Select those birds having capacity, as evinced in long, broad and deep bodies. Frequently a bird may be deficient in one of these dimensions, i.e., it may be a little short in the back; but if it is broad and carries the width well to the tail, and shows a good depth, it may make up in extra breadth and depth what it lacks in length.

Here, again, as in the male, the head is most important. The clean-cut face and prominent piercing eye are the marks of vigor and productiveness.



The "river cow" is the popular name given to this mammal, after the order of whale, which inhabits the Amazon River and its tributaries. It is the largest fresh water fish in the world and weighs over 200 pounds when fully grown.

INDOOR TOILET FOR THE FARM HOME

BY P. C. GROSE.

removed and its contents emptied and then returned to the closet and recharged with the chemical-water mixture. The contents, when removed, need not be buried, as there is no odor. The chemical takes care of that.

The success of the chemical toilet depends on two things—proper ventilation and proper chemical mixture. The chemical odors must be carried from the room, just as the smoke and gases from the cookstove must be carried from the room. If adequate ventilation is provided, the chemical closet is designed to function just as satisfactorily as the stove. Usually the vent pipe is passed through the wall to the outside of the house to secure the necessary draught. This is more easily accomplished where the closet is located on an upper floor than when it is on a lower floor.

The chemical closet has met the approval of health authorities, as the chemical kills all germs and odors, is harmless to the skin, and protects the metal container from rust.

POULTRY

It is essential that the house be made draft proof if it is not already so, but care should be taken to keep an abundance of pure air in circulation.

The laying quarters should always be comfortable, if possible, but warmth at the expense of dryness is never wise.

Restricted ventilation is almost certain to be accompanied by dampness, particularly if the house is a trifle overcrowded. Dampness in the henhouse at this season is an invitation to colds and roup.

A laying hen is always a happy hen. A hen cannot be happy unless she is busy most of the time. Litter on the floor of the house, if fresh and clean, is an excellent means of keeping the layers busy.

Perhaps the best material for litter is wheat straw. It is not so stiff as rye straw but neither does it break up so easily as does oat straw. Renew the supply frequently. The litter must absorb moisture from the droppings and in wet weather may have to be changed often.

Care should be taken to use none but clean bright straw. Moldy straw is almost certain to cause trouble.

A Cold Weather Comfort.

The majority of farmers own some kind of an automobile and in the winter those who ride in the back seat usually complain of cold feet, especially if the ride is a very long one. This can be avoided if a feather cushion is made for the bottom of the car.

When killing poultry save all the feathers except the wing and tail feathers which have the large quills. Scald the feathers, then dry thoroughly. Take a cotton feed bag such as poultry mash comes in, dye it a dark color, and fill it with the feathers. Sew up the end of the bag and use this for a foot cushion and there will be no more complaints of cold feet when riding in cold weather.—C. A. J.

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel.

Persistent Misbehavior in Small Children

BY ZAHRAH E. PREBLE.

The great Chinese philosopher Confucius says: "I am not concerned at your own attitude toward him. Do not bring him to you; you expect too much of him, or do you neglect to give due praise and attention to the little issues which to him are quite vital?" Judicious praise is like water to a flower; it makes the plant bloom more beautifully.

That desire to be superior, to be given praise for good deeds well done, is not one to be destroyed. If directed rightly, it causes that part of the Chinese proverb, "I seek to be worthy to be known," to become the driving force. A child soon recognizes that he can command the attention he craves by being good instead of bad, if the parents will always notice and speak of his desirable qualities and actions instead of his faults and misbehavior. But how often do you enter a home and hear someone saying, "You are a bad, naughty child!" And that subtle suggestion is repeated continually, during the years that follow until the growing, thinking child begins to act out the sub-conscious suggestions given to it.

There are problems which exhaust the patience of both parents and child—when the latter will not mind or insists upon doing something he should not do. These problems cannot be ignored; they have to be solved at the time in order to prevent recurrence. It takes time, patience and understanding to do it. The trouble is that too often the parents fall down miserably on their end of the task by not sticking to it long enough to get at the bottom of the trouble. The child is thus left with a feeling of injustice which rankles and causes the nucleus of future naughtiness, so the difficulties continue to grow, until it appeals to the child and the parents before it is overcome, if it ever is.

Misbehavior is just misspent energy; this energy needs directing into constructive instead of destructive channels—not an easy task but a satisfying one.

HORSE

If a horse could talk, he would have many things to say, especially when winter comes.

He would tell his driver how a frosty bit stings and sears his lips and tongue when it is thrust into his mouth without being warmed first.

He would tell how it feels to have nothing but ice cold water to drink, when he is already shivering from the cold.

He would tell of the bitter wind that frosts his sides when he halts, steaming from exertion, and is tied for hours in an exposed place without a blanket.

He would talk of slippery streets and the sensations of falling on cruel city cobblestones—the pressure of the load pushing him to the fall—the bruised knees and wrenched joints, the tightened straps and the feel of the driver's lash, the panting nostrils and heaving flanks, and the horrible fright of it all.

When he stumbles don't whip him. Think of your own feelings if struck every time you slipped or stumbled.

Warm the bit before putting it in his mouth.

Take the chill off his drinking water when possible, if it is very cold. Give him enough to eat, and spread plenty of clean bedding in his stall.

Put a blanket on him in the stable, on cold nights.

Do not leave him standing in a cold wind without a blanket. Keep him in the sun, if possible.

Keep him sharp-shod during the winter.

Drive him carefully over icy pavements.

When he falls, quickly loosen his harness, push back the wagon, and help him to rise, without blows.

Watch for the appearance of gall-spots, and allow nothing to touch them till healed. Be humane with your horse. Treat him as well as he treats you.



Son—"Dad, I want to marry Dottie Dimples, the chorus girl."

Dad—"I wanted to marry her myself when I was about your age!"

The mongrel hen is fast disappearing. Gradually the Canadian woods are waking up to the superior value of the well-bred, strong, vigorous, prolific hen over her mongrel sister, and the latter is being sent to the shambles.

Get the incubators and brooders ready for hatching broiler chicks.



Epping forest is "thinned" every seven years to allow room for the oaks to grow unimpeded. The thinning is now taking place and scenes reminiscent of the Canadian woods are daily enacted within fifteen miles of London.

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ALLAN DONNELL
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR:

Wednesday, December 24th, 1924.

BORROWED THOUGHTS

So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is what this sad world needs.

Fire Losses

According to "The Monetary Times" fire losses in Canada for the month of November amounted to \$2,130,860. Of this amount, Ontario provides easily the largest amount with a loss of \$612,360. This loss is slightly larger than November last year, although it is the smallest for any month in 1924, so far. Of the 201 fires reported 130 were in houses and barns, which are usually the places most poorly provided with protection against fire.

In addition to property losses during November ten lives were lost, so that Canada is still paying a terrible sacrifice to the fire demon, largely because Canadians choose to be careless.

December is usually a month of numerous fires, presumably in large measure because of the quantities of inflammable material used in Christmas decorations. May this month be a glorious exception, so that no homes may be saddened by visits of the fire fiend at this happy holiday season.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The use of the "all-day sucker" has reached the epidemic stage. Boys, girls and chewing-gum fans alike indulge in the habit on the street and at concerts. Wrigley, the gum king must look to his laurels.

The Children's Shelter at Belleville is doing a fine work in looking after children who, for one reason or another, have either no homes at all, or homes that are unfit for child-life. It merits the hearty support of every lover of children.

Nominations for next year's Council and School Board will be held in the Town Hall next Monday evening. Although all meetings of these bodies are public, it is seldom that many citizens find time to attend them. Nomination meetings are in a somewhat different category. Every citizen, and especially every ratepayer who can attend should do so. Councillors and Trustees alike will appreciate such interest and an open discussion of village affairs cannot fail to do good.

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On earth peace, good-will toward men. Luke 2:14.

PEACE! GOOD-WILL! What a conception! An amazing conception! And sung as if it were a realizable ideal! Indeed, the angels sang as if it were already accomplished fact as at that moment the Blessed Maid looked into the face of her Wonderful Boy in his manger bed. Optimism! Nothing

Ivanhoe

Mrs. Murray Sine of Toronto spent a few days with her mother who has been ill.

The High School students of Madoc, Stirling and Belleville are spending the holidays here.

Miss Lillian Mitz of Peterboro is spending the holidays at her home.

Miss Laura Moore of Toronto is spending the holidays at Ivanhoe.

Miss Barnes is spending the Christmas week with her parents at Kemville.

Mr. Milton Reid of the "Bank of Commerce" staff, Madoc spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. Moore's have moved into their new home, the old McKee residence.

Springbrook

The Public School and Sunday School gave their Christmas concert in the Orange Hall on Friday evening last, every number on the program was well rendered and the two school teachers, Miss Danford and Miss Ashley deserve all the good things said about the way the children were trained. The entertainment was very high class throughout.

Mr. W. A. Bateman who resides in the eleventh concession caught a live fox one day last week but it was despatched soon after as it had been wounded.

About twenty ladies attended the aluminum demonstration meeting at Mrs. D. Heath's on Monday night given by Mr. Ernest Airhart who did some cooking to prove that it could be done without smoke or smell in the house.

The Anglican S. S. gave their entertainment in the Orange Hall on Monday night, the hall was crowded and the program was carried out in their usual good style, everybody seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Mr. David Mosher from the West is visiting his mother and other relatives and friends in this place. Mr. Mosher has not been home for a number of years.

Miss Stella Bateman of Amherst Island is visiting her cousin, Miss Hazel Bateman.

When peace shall over all the earth
Its radiant splendors fling.

III

I stand amazed at the power of the Christmas spirit. It is the strongest universal emotion that sweeps over that large part of the world that has heard the evangel of Emmanuel. It has been well said,

This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface.

It is an all pervading spirit, a ubiquitous spirit, a universal spirit. The children call it Santa Claus; really it is the spirit of the Christ Child. Christmas is the time when He has a real innings in the lives of men. This powerful penetrating spirit captures hearts that seem impregnable. Even the most Scrooge-like heart melts before it. Even Mr. Driggs is compelled to believe in Christmas. We all succumb to this spirit of peace on earth and good will—We are willing and happy captives, and why?

IV

Because PEACE and GOOD-WILL are the most desired things in all the world. There is no message that the world needs so literally as that which speaks of peace and a better understanding. As individuals we long to be at peace. As nations we pray that war clouds shall never again darken the sky which God opened to let his angels out to sing to us of "Peace on earth and good-will toward men." Let us then resolve to carry the Christmas spirit with us—Why go back to the same old lives again? Let us build here three tabernacles—One for Christ, one for fellow man, one for ourselves. Let us stay on this transfigured mount.

'Mid our feasting and festooning, our giving and getting, our merry-making and celebrating, let us wonder and let us worship, and see in this hallowed tide a prophecy of that long desired, and long delayed time, when there shall be a never ending reign of PEACE ON EARTH GOOD-WILL TOWARD MEN.

(The author of "Sparks from a Preacher's Anvil" wishes all his readers a very Merry Christmas.)

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Harold

An epidemic of colds is visiting this neighborhood, every home has one or more patients.

A great many of the friends of the late Mrs. Adelia Cooke attended her funeral in Stirling on Friday last. Mrs. Cooke was loved by all her friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John West had a narrow escape while motoring in Foxboro, owing to the icy condition of the roads which

are well rounded up, his car slewed and in righting it he plunged into the fence. Both car and occupants escaped unharmed.

Mr. Charles Draup a former residence, now of Brighton is fox hunting in this Burg, but the foxes are all still running and doing well.

Mr. Burley Reid and friend of Peterboro visited his uncle T. M. Reid on Sunday last.

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Mr. Jack Shea, of Queen's University is home for the holidays.

River Valley W. I. will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 7th.

Miss Dorothy Bailey of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Butler.

Miss Helen Findlay is spending the holidays at Carlton Place.

Miss Violet Moyer left on Saturday for her home at Jordan's Station.

Mr. Ray Atkin will spend Christmas Day at his home in Windsor.

Mr. Donald Ross is spending Christmas with his father Brigadier-General A. E. Ross, M.P., Kingston.

Miss Marjorie Harrington will be at her home in Wellington for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patterson will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Beith of Coryville.

Miss Grace Weese is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Picton.

Mrs. Bissonnette, Miss Hume and Mr. Neil Bissonnette will spend Christmas Day at Burnbrae.

Mr. Jack Fitzpatrick, of Niagara is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fitzpatrick.

Miss Minnie Fleming of Belleville is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthews of Peterboro are with Mr. Matthews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Matthews for the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. McS. Potts and their son Mr. Ned Potts expect to spend Christmas in Belleville, the guests of Mrs. Potts brother, Dr. Faulkner.

Miss Idia Marshall of Macdonald College, Guelph, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ferguson and children Ruth and Ralph, of Oshawa, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Mosher.

Mr. J. D. Mills, manager Stirling Branch Bank of Montreal, left yesterday for his home in Tillsonburg. He will also spend a portion of his vacation with Mrs. Mills parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ball of London.

Mr. Murray McGee, who is attending Normal School at North Bay, is spending the holidays with

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his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint. McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy McGuire moved into their new house on Church street yesterday. Mrs. McGuire will not be at home until after the New Year, however. A further announcement will be made then.

SIDNEY COUNCIL

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Mrs E. B. Finkle and Mrs. F. J. White interviewed the council with reference to the use and heating of the Town Hall for short Courses in Agriculture etc. and were assured that the Women's Institute would be given the use of hall heated free of charges.

Moved by W. A. Reid and C. H. Ketcheson that the caretaker be instructed to take down and

Sunday Services

Methodist Church

PASTOR—REV. C. W. BARRETT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1924
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m.—"The Abundant Life."
7 p.m.—"Partnership with God."

MONDAY, 8 p.m.—Epworth League
CARMEL, SUNDAY, DEC. 28TH
Service—2.30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

MINISTER—REV. ROBERT SIMPSON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
10 a.m.—Sabbath School

Prof. The Rev. J. F. McFadyen of Queen's Theological college will conduct the services.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

REV. FRED G. JOBLIN, PASTOR.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1924.
Mt. Pleasant—10.30 a.m.
Wellmans—2.30 p.m.
Bethel—7.00 p.m.

clean the stove pipes and chimney, inspect pipes and replace any unfit for use by new ones.—carried.

Moved by C. H. Ketcheson and Col. Vanderwater that the Council purchase a Coleman Lamp for use in the Town Hall.—carried.

A By-Law authorizing the Collector to continue the collection of the 1924 taxes, and another appointing Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks also a place for holding nominations, were duly executed and numbered 829 and 830 respectively after which the Council adjourned.

W. H. Nobes Clerk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Electors of the Village of Stirling.

A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, December 29th at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of Reeve and Councillors for the year 1925, and to nominate candidates for School Trustees to serve on the Board of Education for the year 1925. The following are the retiring members of the Board of Education: Dr. H. H. Alger, Bert Bedford, F. T. Ward.

G. H. LUERY, Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Stirling Council wish to notify all citizens that according to By-law No. 215 all citizens must remove all snow from walks adjoining their property, failing which men will be hired to do the same and the costs entailed will be added to the taxes of such property.

G. H. LUERY, Clerk.

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Early morning trains stop for through passengers only.

Poultry Wanted

Will start shipping on Tuesday, Sept

9th, and will ship every Tuesday and

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must be delivered no later than 12

o'clock. Highest market prices paid.

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GIVE YOUR HORSES

A New Set of Shoes

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They will appreciate it and will do

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And this is the place to come for the

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is most appreciated in the rich,
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About the House

The match-making mother is one of those people whom we often meet in novels and at the cinema. We seldom see her in real life, because such odium is attached to the match-making mother that most women steer clear of the role. They wash their hands of all responsibility and leave their daughters to shift for themselves about getting husbands.

This is wrong. Between the scheming mother who disposes of her daughter in marriage as if she were a slave on the auction block, and the mother who leaves her daughter's matrimonial fate entirely to chance, there is a wide field in which it is not only the province but the duty of a good mother to forward her child's happiness and well-being.

It is strange that so many mothers do not realize this, for nearly all women, even when they have not been happily married themselves, believe in marriage. They recognize it as woman's predestined place in life, the career in which she is most likely to find peace and contentment. Every woman wants her daughters to marry. She never feels safe about them until they are married, and the first breath of relief that a mother draws from the time her baby girl is born is when she sees her walking out of the church door on the arm of her husband.

This being the case, why is getting her daughter married not a legitimate occupation for the mother? Why should not a mother use her wisdom and experience in trying to secure a good husband for her child?

No mother has a right to use her influence to make her daughter marry any particular man just because he is a "good catch." But she should use her own matrimonial experience and her own knowledge of men to guide her girl in making the right choice of a husband.

Every woman knows that in affairs of the heart an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There is no use in arguing with a girl in love. She is temporarily incapable of seeing anything in its true light. She is deaf to all reason. Girls marry the men with whom they are thrown in contact. Hence it is the mother's duty to see that the men with whom her daughters associate are the kind she would welcome as her sons-in-law.

The sensible mother does not take into her family a handsome young relative and throw him into daily association with her daughter, and then howl with horror when she finds that they have fallen in love with each other and want to get married. Nor does she give the run of her house to some fascinating ne'er-do-well and then weep with despair when her daughter announces her intention of marrying him despite all the warnings that are held up before her as to how such a marriage is sure to turn out.

The managing mother prevents these catastrophes. Not believing in the marriage of cousins, she does not invite good-looking young kinsmen to make their home with her. She freezes out the undesirables.

The wise mother teaches her daughter that while love is the greatest thing in matrimony, it is not everything, and that a woman does not long love a husband who has not the solid qualities that command her respect. She teaches her that a man who can make his wife a comfortable living will hold her affections longer than one who starves her and repeats poetry to her. So, when the girl selects her life partner she does it intelligently, instead of marrying the first attractive man who strikes her fancy.

Men help their sons to start in business. Why should not mothers help their daughters to marry? That's the average girl's business in life.

AVOID CROWDING THE WINDOWS.

A few well-grown plants are more beautiful in the window garden than a compact mass can possibly be. I like to have every plant I grow show its individual beauty, which it cannot do when crowded by others. Then, if we have to divide our attention too much no plant will get the personal care that is so necessary to success.

If you want to feel the greatest pride in your flowers aim to grow splendid specimens rather than a notable collection. I would rather grow one fine Thurstonia begonia and have it so perfect that it would compel admiration than grow a couple of dozen begonias, all commonplace except the variety.

I would rather grow one fern that would fill a window with its filmy fronds than a half dozen smaller ferns of different kinds. My friends would thrill with me over the one while they would give the collection but a passing glance.—A. H.

AFTER THE LAST BLOW-OUT, OLD INNER TUBES HAVE MANY USES.

An old inner tube has many uses in the household after it has seen its last days on the automobile. If rubber bands of various widths are cut from it, they will find many uses around the household. A paper-wrapped package is quickly fastened with one or two of them. The parcel-post package secured by these rubber bands arrive in good condition. Paraffined jelly glasses, if they have no tin covers, can be covered with circles of paper held in place by these rubber bands. Little daughter may use them as garters to hold bands in her bloomers.

If whole sections are cut, fringed and laced together, they make handy bags. The large size can be stretched down over the broom and saves much wear on the edges. Baby will have no end of fun rolling a ball through a piece of inner tube a foot long.

A VERY PLEASING BATH ROBE STYLE.



4959. Striped flannel, corduroy and eiderdown are good materials for a garment like this. It could also be made of quilted silk or satin, or of blanket cloth.

The Pattern is cut in 4 Sizes: Small, 34-36; Medium, 38-40; Large, 42-44; Extra Large, 46-48 inches bust measure. A Medium size requires 4½ yards of 36-inch material.

Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 20c in silver, by the Wilson Publishing Co., 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

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TO A BABY.

Little rosy babykin with little rosy hands
Petal-like — yet metal-like with strength of iron bands!

Holding me and folding me in love's ecstatic mesh—
Love's ethereal spirit has been alchemized to flesh!

Dimpled little baby with a smile like dewy-dew,
What has any human done to earn such wage as you?

Search my life of sin and strife however much I may,
Nothing half deserving you is found along the way.

Still we hold each other with a gladness all complete—
Gladness that is heavenly and wonderfully sweet.

I can only thank my stars for such a lovely fate—
Gosh! This makes a dozen lines; the editor told me eight!

—Strickland Gillilan.

BAKED RICE—MEXICAN STYLE

Besides being easily prepared, rice dishes are especially nourishing and a good substitute for potatoes which,

FROM THE DESERT TO THE MILL

Great Engineering Feats to Help Trade.

In many parts of the world there is a boom in engineering, particularly in the construction of great dams. One is being erected on the Nile, which will be the largest in the world when completed—larger even than the famous Aswan Dam in Egypt—others are being constructed in India, while another wonderful piece of engineering will be the mighty works in course of erection on the Colorado River, the object of which is to harness that mighty force.

There are already, on the Nile, numerous lasting monuments to the skill and enterprise of British engineers, but this latest undertaking easily eclipses all previous works. The dam, which is being erected on the Blue Nile, was commenced some years ago, but the work was condemned. The Soudan Government then invited tenders, and a British firm, Messrs. Pearson and Company, were awarded the contract, the sum involved being four million pounds. The dam is being constructed for irrigation purposes, and if the company's engineers fail to have water upon the land by July, 1925, they will have to pay a penalty of \$500,000.

Cutting Up a Country.

Twenty thousand men are being employed in the construction of this, the Makwar Dam, but they can work regularly for only eight months in the year, the Nile being in flood during the other four months. Work during summer is also difficult owing to the extreme heat.

The top of the dam will act as a bridge for the Soudan Railway. The dam itself will be two miles long and will create a lake fifty miles long and two miles wide. From this lake will run a canal seventy miles long, from which, in turn, there will be 10,000

unless baked, cannot be prepared in a short time.

Rice can be cooked in twenty minutes and used at any time thereafter for several days. The following recipe for Mexican baked rice makes a very substantial "one-dish dinner" which is suitable for busy days.

Cook one and one-quarter cupsfuls of rice in boiling salted water for thirty minutes. Add one and one-half cupsfuls tomato juice, one large green pepper cut up fine, one-half cupful chopped pimento and a dash of pepper. Mix together thoroughly and pour into a well-buttered enameled ware baking dish, the porcelain-like surface of which will not affect or be affected by the acid in the tomatoes. On top place the tomato pulp, left after straining the juice. Bake thirty minutes in a hot oven. Serve white hot.

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Thy branches ne'er remember
Their green felicity;

The north cannot undo them,
With a sleetly whistle through them;

Nor frozen thawsings glue them
From budding at the prime.

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Thy bubbles ne'er remember
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But with a sweet forgetting,
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Never, never petting
About the frozen time.

Ah! would 'twere so with many
A gentle girl and boy!
But were there ever any
Written not at passed joy?

To know the change and feel it,
When there is none to heal it,
Nor numbered sense to steal it,
Was never said in rhyme.

Power of the Will.

"Tis in ourselves we are thus or thus. Our bodies are our gardens, to the which our wills are gardeners; so that if we will plant nettles or sow lettuce, set hyssop and weed up thyme, supply it with one gender of herbs or distract it with many, either to have it sterile with idleness or manured with industry, why, the power and corrigible authority of this lies in our wills.—Shakespeare's "Othello."

What One Remembers.

She (under the spell of nature)—

"Sad and sweet November! Makes one remember—"

He (rather more practical)—"That next month's December—and bank accounts vanish with the old year."

For Sore Feet—Minard's Liniment

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miles of smaller waterways, all of which will combine to distribute water and render fertile a vast tract of country.

At the present time there is a small army of British workpeople—mechanics and so on—in the Soudan cutting up the desert to make it blossom. And even after the work is completed Britain will continue to benefit, for it is estimated that 300,000 acres of the desert will, as a result of the work, bear a wonderful crop of cotton, much of which will, it is hoped, find its way to the mills of Lancashire.

Even more costly will be the irrigation project which has been begun in India, also by British engineers. This is the construction of a dam on the Indus River, the cost of which will be ten million pounds. There will be sixty-six sluice gates, 850 miles of main canals, and 1,200 miles of smaller distributaries.

The dam across the Colorado River will be twice the height of St. Paul's Cathedral, and will entail the expenditure of nearly fifty-five million dollars.

The River That Brings Ruin.

If the Colorado is not tamed there is no hope of saving from inundation the prosperous Imperial Valley with its 100,000 settlers and yearly crops representing a value of \$100,000,000.

The river flows at the phenomenal speed of thirty miles an hour, as fast as many trains! In 1906 it overflowed its banks, cut a deep channel thirty-five miles long through the desert, and formed what is known as the Salton Sea, a huge lake 50,000 acres in area. Early in June, 1922, it wiped out almost half the Palo Verde Valley, hopelessly submerging two towns, ruining thousands of dollars worth of standing crops and rendering thousands of people homeless.

A Poem You Ought to Know.

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Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd.)

"No! and by heaven you don't leave me like that! Do you think that I, Peter Garvoe, am going to be made a laughing-stock of in the place by a creature like you! That you and Stair between you will make me such a fool? I tell you, you haven't reckoned with Peter Garvoe! I can crush him, as one crushes a fly on the pane, I have him fast in the toils, and I will crush him! He will never have either bread or salt to offer you, for he is incapable of earning an honest penny. His only asset is his handsome face, and we shall see—when we shall see how much it will do for him!"

Carlotta, sickened beyond telling, shaking with nervousness that was partly fear, turned and fled.

It was her first encounter with the mad, blind passion of a man balked in his dearest desire.

She had looked, as she imagined, into the depths of the innermost hell; yet, behind her natural shrinking, a vast pity lay.

Never had Peter Garvoe, in his kindest, most servile mood, pleaded for her forbearance if not for her love, appealed as he had done now, in the throes of his jealous rage.

She wept as she sped across the field paths, choosing them blindly yet without mistake, so as to escape the scrutiny of the Sunday strollers. They were tears of dismay and of shame for herself, that she had awakened such passion in a man's soul.

Never aware of her power—for what attractive woman is?—she had altogether failed to gauge its depths. She had awakened fires which, perhaps, never would be quenched. And none knew to what heights these flames might rise!

Her being quailed at the thought of danger to Stair.

Peter Garvoe in such a mood was capable of murder, and the thought that he had her lover so much in his power sickened her with mortal fear.

She paused, stumbling on the path, and, hesitating, looked back, half-minded to return and plead with him. But her pride forbade her. They were men, and must fight it out on the men's battle-ground. She dared not intervene. No woman could.

Left to himself, Peter Garvoe paced the narrow clearing in the Cessnock woods, the prey of the darkest passion which can ravage a man's soul.

All the inborn and hidden jealousy of his cousin Stair rushed up, new kindled, permeating his whole being, poisoning the very air he breathed.

As cousins, at school and college, they had been pitted against one another, and every time Stair had carried off the palm with that ease and surety which follows those beloved of the gods, whom Nature has endowed with her most winsome gifts.

Peter the tortoise, slow, ponderous,

unlovely to look at, blunt of speech,

and sour of heart, had had to toil and moil, while Stair, with a smile and a glance of his merry laughing eyes, swet easily to the goal.

The only gate closed to Stair had been the power to make or accumulate money. And money is power! Money is power!

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wife to be quite bare, except for the headgear which separated the two.

He left the house by the French window of the music-room, which had been a short addition to The Lees.

Peter's mother was very musical, and never having been strong, had spent much of her time cultivating her gift.

The husband who had adored her, and who had loved to study her slightest whim, had built this noble annex, and fitted it up most sumptuously, though

of late it had been little used, Lucy,

the only daughter of The Lees, not having inherited her mother's musical gifts.

A wide sweep of exquisitely-kept

turf, bounded by a fine stone balustrade, copied from Stair, made the back of The Lees even more imposing than the front. Beyond the balustrade the hill rose steeply, its sparse fir trees making cover for game both for The Lees and Stair. Higher up it was quite bare, except for the heather clumps which grew among the boulders.

On the other side of the hill, on

which Stair stood, and which faced the two houses. A small wicket-gate, cunningly fashioned, opened into the thick shrubbery at the far end of the terrace, and it was but a step through the fir belt to the sheep track and the march dyke which separated the two properties.

To this Peter Garvoe turned

then in the glow of that beautiful

Sunday afternoon, but the peace and

beauty of it laid no healing balm or

hush on his spirit. The sea had never

looked more lovely, with the hills of

Stair just visible through the tender

leaves.

The feeling of newness of life was

everywhere; the cry of the lambs

which dotted the hillsides, and the

song of the laverocks in the lift

the air with that wonderful, vivid

sense of life and hope inseparable

from the spring.

Peter Garvoe had other things to

think of than the beauty of a spring

afternoon in one of the most beauti-

ful spots in the world. After he had

passed through the gate in the march

dyke and actually stood upon the

lands of Stair he stood still, and, knitt-

ing his brows, seemed to take stock

with frowning eyes of the boundaries.

He was measuring something—

meditating, perhaps, on some fresh

division which would equalize his

Belleville Milling Co., Limited

Capital \$200,000 in units of \$100 each.

This Company has been formed to take over the elevator and seed cleaning plant, situated on the siding of the C.N. Railway at Frankford, owned by Cory & Co., also the elevator and mill of the Belleville Milling Co., 50 Albion Street, Belleville, Ont.

The capacity of Frankford elevator is 15,000 bushels bulk grain and four cars bagged feeds.

The capacity of Belleville plant is 50,000 bushels bulk grain and eight cars bagged feeds.

The Frankford plant is equipped with a seed cleaning power mill and the Belleville plant is equipped with a grinder and motor in the mill; and the elevator with all necessary machinery for loading and unloading cars quickly and at very little cost.

If we show you a proposition that will make you 20 per cent on your investment, will you invest some money in it? The Company will put 10,000 cases of eggs in cold storage every year, buying them in the Spring when they are cheap and selling them in the Winter when they are high in price. Last Spring eggs were worth 21c. The case and grading would bring the price to 25c. To-day they are worth 52c. If we sold them at 40c. they would make a profit of \$4.50 per 30 dozen case. On 10,000 cases this would be \$45,000 or enough to pay 20 per cent on the entire capital and \$5,000 over.

The Company will make Buckwheat flour. It takes 2½ bushels to make a bag of flour at 90c. would be \$2.25. It costs 5c. for a bag which would make the cost \$2.30. We can sell ten cars to-day at \$3.50 on the car at the mill door, or at a profit of \$1.20 per bag. Five hundred bags to a car at \$1.20 would be \$600 on a car and ten cars would give us a profit of \$6,000.

The Company will buy alsike, red clover and other seeds, cleaning same over our own mills, and exporting the seed that will not grade to the Old Country and everything that will grade we will sell to the Canadian trade each year. It will be a poor year when we will not make \$5,000 on this line.

The Company will also put up Garden Seeds on which the profit is very large. We will handle all kinds of Field seeds, such as turnip, mangels, etc., on which the profit is 100 per cent on these lines the profit will be at least \$7,000 every year.

In the basement of the mill we have a storage space for 10,000 bags potatoes. Last fall we could have bought them at 40c. per bag in Brighton township. They would have cost us 50c. laid down here and potatoes have never sold for less than 75c. this Winter, which would make us \$2,500 each year.

The Company will make Alfalfa meal. It will not be any trouble to sell 200 cars each year on which we can make a profit of \$8.00 per ton. The time is coming when Alfalfa Meal will take the place of bran, as it contains 20 per cent protein and bran only 12 per cent. This will show us a profit of \$32,000 each year.

We will also make scratch feed for poultry. We will make one high grade feed from wheat, corn, buckwheat, Kaffer corn, and sunflower seed.

We will also make a cheaper scratch feed from salvaged wheat cracked corn, barley, oats and buckwheat, and have scratch feeds we can sell to all classes of trade. These can be put up at a profit of 25c. per bag. We will sell 50,000 bags of this line each year.

We will also make developing meal and laying meal on which there is a profit of 50c. a bag and will sell 20,000 bags a year. We will make chick feed for young chicks from wheat, corn, millet and grit, on which there is a profit of from 50c. to \$1.00 per bag and large quantities sold.

This is a message of VITAL IMPORTANCE to the farming community of this vicinity—an opportunity to make the products of your labor pay you greater returns—your surplus earnings create SAFE AND SUBSTANTIAL PROFITS in an organization which has been incorporated for YOUR BENEFIT on a sound, sane business basis, with a record of square dealing in transacting business with the producers of this vicinity. We invite and court investigation, through reliable and responsible Banking institutions—as to our standing and reliability—and we are offering the prospective associates of this organization an opportunity of investment which on its MERITS is a REAL GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to every farmer in the surrounding districts; because we have proven our proposition to satisfaction of a representative body of farmer investors of this vicinity, that our policies and promises are based on FACTS and not on supposition. Because we have our Plants and facilities fully equipped. This organization will be free from all encumbrances and liabilities—consequently your investment pays immediately—no delay or uncertainty, but prompt substantial returns will be realized at ONCE.

We can do this BECAUSE WE HAVE bought and shipped over forty thousand bushels of grain from this section this year—and have established a permanent demand and markets for such commodities as are manufactured from these grains, in addition to the above shipments of whole grain—thus we will be in position to utilize all the grain grown in this section creating a large and increasing demand for such products that the farmer produces.

By creating demand, we benefit the producer who in turn has at all times a steady and ready demand locally for the produce he so greatly depends on to make his income.

Is this not a vital reason why you as a producer should interest yourself in an organization that is so closely allied to your interest, which also offers you an equal interest regardless of the amount you invest? This investment will stand the acid test—and appeals to you not on golden promises—but on substantial business principles—tangible facts—the Belleville Milling Co., Limited, straight capital basis—no promotion or brokerage fees paid.

There is not the least doubt but what this organization will pay at least 20 per cent on the investment. It is not an oil well in Texas or a mine in British Columbia, but a Mill where you can come at any time and see what is going on.

We have sold a lot of this stock want to place the balance of \$50,000 before January 1st, so we can start the New Company off with the New Year. The balance

of the stock will be released from time to time as required.

This Company will be run on the same lines as the Cheese Factories. Each year the Directors will be appointed by the shareholders. At the present time, when you sell your produce, that is the last you get out of it. In this case the organization will pay you market price for your grain and produce and at the end of each year divide the profits among the shareholders.

We will not require any high priced experts to run the Plant; the manager only being paid a living wage of \$2,000 each year. The directors get \$5.00 for each meeting. The manager (F. A. Cory) has bought your grain and produce for the past ten years and has always paid for it as agreed. I have the markets and experience (some of which I have paid for) and am in a position to sell your products to the best advantage.

If I was not absolutely sure that this proposition would pay big profits and is absolutely safe I would not ask any one to put a dollar in it. I know because I have been in the business for ten years.

In view of the above facts I feel that every farmer should take at least one share in this organization as it is to the mutual benefit of every producer to belong and be your own middleman, and enjoy the profits on your own produce that you work hard for; and which at the present time is going to the dealers. As a lot of the shares are already subscribed for it will be necessary to act at once, as we are only going to issue fifty thousand dollars at the present time. As soon as the Company starts to operate these shares will be worth double the par value.

I ask you in all sincerity if you can afford to pass this opportunity by, when you have the chance to become a member of this organization? I do not think you can. As we said before we invite you to investigate this proposition as far as you like, as we have nothing to hide.

Cut out this application and fill it out for any number of shares you want and mail it at once. Do it now.

THE BELLEVILLE MILLING COMPANY, Limited.
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

I hereby make application for _____

Shares of **The Belleville Milling Company, Limited.** and herewith hand you my cheque for _____

Dollars, being 25 per cent of my subscription. I hereby agree to pay the balance of _____ dollars on notice of allotment for the shares herein applied for.

I acknowledge having received a copy of the prospectus of the **The Belleville Milling Company, Limited.**

Season's Greetings

McCoy's
Shoe Repairing

FRONT STREET Opp. KERBY HOUSE.

Harry E. Hulin

The Busy Grocery and Meat Market
We take this opportunity to thank our many Patrons for their Patronage and to wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We also offer a few suggestions for Christmas Shopping.

New Raisins, Currants, Peel and Everything you want for your Christmas Cake.

A large assortment of Candies, Oranges, Nuts, Grapes, etc.

Fresh, Cured and Cooked Meats of all Kinds.

Harry E. Hulin

Front St. Phone 80

Stirling

Giving Expression to The Christmas Spirit

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so that a fine gift is given to some relative, who in all probability does not need the particular article but likely feels an equal strain in returning this expensive gift.

Then, again, do you ever think of the useless nervous energy that is used up at Christmas time? Shoppers and clerks are very much harassed. Mothers are worn out by baking great cakes and elaborate puddings. Even the children are tired out with Christmas entertainments and festivities. So many people have (no nerves left) by the time Christmas day approaches. This I fear is the result of doing things simply because it is custom. Just look at the dinners we eat. We think we cannot do without turkey, even if it is 70c. a pound. Many people add to that rich plum pudding and mince pie. A certain Toronto doctor said, 'It takes my patients on an average, a month to get over Christmas. He went on to explain that he did not mean sick people but rather that children and grown folks suffered from overeating.

It would look as though Christmas had degenerated and yet I think as never before, a greater number of people are coming to have a truer conception of the Christmas Spirit.

Let us consider gift-giving—An old lady, whom I once knew used to say to her grandchildren, 'I'm not wealthy, and I can afford only a certain amount of giving at Christmas. Plenty of every kind abounds in your home. I'll give my Christmas gifts to the needy.' Her grandchildren, I think, had and have always a very happy Christmas in their grandmother's home, and they enjoy it none the less because some needy person gets a good goose or some else a fine roll of butter. I don't mean that we should eliminate the giving of presents to our loved ones, but it is often carried to extremes in very large family circles. I know a scheme whereby a large family

group draw tickets and each one gives one present and receives one. This of course does not prevent those in one home from exchanging gifts. Even in our churches we encourage this. We give gifts to our Sunday School children. I think that our Sunday Schools should certainly see to it that unfortunate children have a happy Christmas. It would be a good time to inculcate the spirit of giving in our children. The spirit of getting is already implanted there. Some churches have a Great White Throne each Christmas tide and their children bring their gifts wrapped in white and lay them on the altar. Expensive gifts do not always bring happiness. Sometimes a kindly letter will give more lasting happiness than a hundred Dollar present could possibly give. Christmas is a time when we can express our appreciation of our friends. I have known people to say, 'I got a letter at Christmas which meant more to me than any gift.' This giving of yourself means sacrifice, too. Letters cannot be sent without time and care expended on them, but they may easily be a labour of love. Try it.

How do we spend our Christmas day? Do we have any religious ceremony in our homes? Do we begin the day with the Christmas story and a few Christmas hymns? Do we bring the stranger in our midst into our homes? These are searching questions for each of us to ask ourselves. Let us not only give gifts but give ourselves. This shows more of the Christ Spirit.

There are two pictures we may easily have of Christmas. Take two homes of the same circumstances in life. The one may have a day that is filled with expensive presents, elaborate meals, quarrelling children, headachy grown folks who are bored to death. This may seem overdrawn, but if selfishness predominates in our Christmas festivities, it can't mean a happy time.

Let's not keep up with the Joneses in our Christmas celebrations. Let's be ourselves at this time. On the other hand it is easy to have a picture of happy child-

ren, a white-headed grandfather, loving in our daily living. That after all is the real test of our Christian experience. If we do the loving act daily, Christmas will only be a consummation of love and we will be the better able to realize the more keenly God's great gift of love.

It is well for us to remember that to have a real Christmas we must have started on Dec. 26, to prepare for the next Christmas.

It is never easy to accomplish the ideal, but we can strive to live so that when the Christmas bells ring out, they will bring good tidings unto us, because unto us this day in the city of David is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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Pine, Balsam and Basswood Bolts, 54 in. long, 6 in. and over in diameter for which we will pay \$8.00 per cord delivered in our yard. Poplar and Spruce bolts at \$6.00 per cord.

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A limited number of ties cut 8ft. long, 9½in. and over in diameter for a No. 1 tie from 8in. to 9½in. in diameter is 2nd class. Ties to go in first class must be straight. We will pay the following prices:—White Oak No. 1, 95c, No. 2, 70c. Red Oak No. 1, 70c, No. 2, 45c. Hardwood No. 1, 45c. No. 2, 35c. These prices are delivered at our yard. Cut all ties as nearly right length as possible and to be cut square at both ends.

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MAY ALL OUR READERS ENJOY A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Interesting Letter
from Rev. W. Stevens

Native Ceremonies in New Mexico Vividly Described--Ritualistic and Realistic Dances

Editor of Stirling News-Argus:
Dear Sir, When I was visiting in your town, I remember you asked me to write anything of interest to your readers that might come under my observation in this wonderful Southwest country. I have about three incidents that I think might be of general interest, if you find them not so, why treat them accordingly. The scene under above caption was witnessed by many in this State, on Friday last week, Dec. twelfth.

Hoary heads, bent in the life-long struggle of keeping alive, were decorated in what meagre gaudiness they possessed, in honor of 'Our Lady Guadalupe,' mother of God Friday at Tortugas, South of Las Cruces, (meaning, The Crosses).

All day Friday they kept up an untiring continuation of what was a serious and solemn religious observance, rather than a merry making Fiesta. The night before half a dozen women, (Mexican), walked barefooted to Tortugas mountain, a matter of about six miles, and back, with babies in their arms, to do penance for their sins, and in honor of the virgin saint Gaudalupa.

ROOFS ILLUMINATED

Tortugas mountain the night before was weird and beautiful with a burning cross down its side, made of bonfires, in outline. One by one the fires died out leaving a ragged irregular figure. This is the annual custom of the Indians and Mexicans at Tortugas.

Most picturesque of all were the lights placed around the outside wall of the roofs of the Adobe houses. Each household that wishes to declare itself participant in the observance, places these lights on top of the houses. A paper sack weighted with sand is arranged with a candle inside. These are placed at intervals of a few inches apart on top of the outside wall. Thus the whole village was quite brilliantly illuminated.

TRIBE SADLY SCATTERED

Special mass is said by the priest in the morning. The little church, with its dirt floor, was filled with ardent worshippers. Unusually beautiful music was furnished by the members of the Fountain family.

The dances were similar to those given in Old Mexico, on the same date. Part of the population of Tortugas is Indian, and the balance Mexican, so the dances were divided into two parts or groups, Indian and Mexican.

The Indians are descendants of the Tiguas and Piros, most of them are Tiguas. The home of the Tiguas is at Ysleta, New Mexico, and there is just a handful of Piros and Tiguas left scattered from Tortugas and Ysleta, Texas, a distance of about three hundred miles.

DANCES REALISTIC AND RITUALISTIC

About 20 took part in the Indian dance. The women lined up on one side and the men on the other. The women had a knot of ribbon on the backs of their heads with many streamers of brilliant colored ribbon hanging down. The men were not costumed, but each who had pledged himself to take part in the dances till the day was over, had

Candidates for Stirling Council

The following candidates have qualified:

For Reeve—
C. B. McGuire
C. A. Vanallen

For Councillors—
E. G. Bailey
D. A. Burkitt
Thos. Cranston
S. A. Hatton
H. Morton
Jetty Thompson

Be sure to read the election cards on the back page.

a streak of red paint on each side of his nose.

Four dancers, two men and two women, occupied the centre of the square. The men carried bows, and the women an arrow in each hand. Figures of the usual Indian dance were performed by the four until they grew tired, when four others took their places.

Six of the wiser 'graybeards' of the village sang Indian songs accompanied by the tom tom. It took an hour to work in all the figures and complete the dance, and it repeated over and over again until the close of the day. At the end all the dancers joined in forming the swastika, the closing figure of the dance. Four young men whose clothes and haircut smacked of the modern 'Sheik' stood on each side and fired shotguns at the end of each figure of the dance. 'Capitans' (Captains) with switches in their hands, were busily running round all the while, to see that all went well.

DANCES HELD LATER

When the Indians had finished their performances and gone off with lingering echoes of the tom tom, the Mexicans appeared in the Dance of Juan Diego (Whan Deago.) Twelve men and two small girls took part. Music was furnished by Mr. W. Harlow who wanted many details regarding the management of a violin. Elaborate headgear with tinsel and mirrors was worn, and each man had a handkerchief fastened over the lower part of his face. Each one carried a rattle decorated with tinsel in the left hand, and an ornament like those used on Christmas trees in the right. The little girls were dressed in white with white veils over their face.

Reeve McGuire pointed out that the schools and the county rates made up the bulk of the taxes and that no new work and only a minimum of repair work had been undertaken during the year. He felt that the School Act should be amended so that the townships sending pupils to the High School would pay a share of the cost. He showed that a number of the town debentures were nearly expired and if the debt was not paid soon it would further. He declared he was in the field to stay, that he had given his best to the village in the past and, if elected, would continue to do so.

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HYDRO PROGRESS

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Municipal Election Necessary This Year

Reeve McGuire to be Opposed by C. Vanallen—Many Nominated for Council—Trustees Returned Unopposed

Stirling is staging a municipal election this year. Neither Reeve C. B. McGuire, nor the retiring councillors will be returned unopposed. Mr. Chas. Vanallen is in the field for reeve and ten other citizens were placed in nomination for the council at the nomination meeting in the town hall on Monday evening. Those nominated for Councillors were, Messrs. L. Meiklejohn, E. G. Bailey, H. Morton, S. Hatton, Jetty Thompson, Jas. Cranston, Thos. Cranston, W. Harlow, A. Kirke, R. Christie, German Sine and D. Burkitt. These were allowed until Tuesday evening at nine o'clock to qualify or withdraw.

Reeve McGuire was nominated by S. Hatton and E. G. Bailey and Mr. VanAllen by Robt. Eggleton and M. Wescott.

There will be no contest for the Board of Education, the three retiring members, Dr. H. H. Alger and Messrs. F. T. Ward and B. Bedford being returned by acclamation.

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"Red" Ryan's Getaway Car Back in Stirling

Car Stolen from Mr. Frank Sarles 15 Months Ago Traced by Officials to Provincial Police and Brought Back to Stirling Last Week.

It was on the 17th of December, 1923 that 'Red' Ryan, bandit and escaped convict paid Stirling a brief visit. His getaway was hurried and spectacular. He stole Mr. Frank Sarles' new Maxwell car from where it was standing in front of the Methodist Church and drove to Toronto, where both he and the car were captured. For some reason or other the police seemed to have lost track of the identity of the car and instead of returning it to its rightful owner it was sold by auction. However Mr. Sarles did a little head work on his own account. He sent a full description of his car to the Dept. of Highways and asked the officials to claim it should a license for it be applied for. On Saturday, Dec. 20 a little more than 15 months after the car was taken, Mr. Sarles was notified by the Department that his car was waiting for him in Toronto. He brought it back to Stirling a week ago to-day little the worse for its thrilling experience. The officials of the Dept. of Highways are receiving much credit locally for their good work in the matter.

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Many Seek for Municipal Honors

Rawdon Council Given Acclamation—Elections in Frankford, Huntington and Sidney.

Contest for Dep. Reeve in Sidney Township

Although Reeve W. A. Reid and Councillors A. L. Burke, Wm. Rodgers Jr. and W. Vandervoort were elected by acclamation at the nominations for Sidney Council on Monday, there will be an election for Deputy Reeve, Col. R. Vanderwater and Deputy Reeve Clem Ketcheson are in the field and a merry fight is promised. Mr. Ed. Peyer who was a member of last year's council was nominated for Deputy Reeve and for Councillor as well and retired. There were four nominations for Reeve namely, W. A. Reid, Fred Mallory, Clem Ketcheson and Byron Lott, but the three last named retired.

FRANKFORD ELECTIONS

Frankford will have an election for both Council and School Board. The following are in the field.

For Reeve: J. P. Finnegan and H. D. Miller.

For Council: J. B. Ford, T. H. Foster, E. O. Freeman, Chas. Morris, G. W. Potter, G. A. Simmons, C. R. Turley.

For School Trustee: (3 to be elected) A. B. Harrison, L. M. Hendrick, W. C. Morrow, H. Patrick and A. B. Whitelaw.

RAWDON COUNCIL ACCLAIMED

Reeve W. W. Dracup, Deputy Reeve George A. Bailey and Councillors E. Brown, W. S. Stiles and John W. Johnson were returned by acclamation at the Rawdon township nomination meeting held at Springbrook on Monday.

HUNTINGDON

Reeve Jas. Haggerty is being opposed by Mr. Blue of Crookston.

Blairton News

Well Christmas 1924 has passed. Everyone tried their best to make it memorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McQuade had a family re-union at Christmas. Beside their near friends they had Mr. and Mrs. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Hill and families from Smiths Falls.

Gifts and remembrances showered from far and near on your humble correspondent, with many thanks to each and all for it helped to cheer and raise the gloom that has surrounded that home this last year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Remington of Hoards attended the family gathering at Mr. Herb Youmans.

Mrs. Everett and family left for their home at Chatham to spend Christmas with Mr. Everett, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Miss Mc-

Methodist Annual Christmas Concert

Mr. J. H. Cameron, of Toronto, provided Most of Programme-Pleasing Number by Primary S.S. Pupils

Stirling opera house was comfortably filled on Christmas night for the annual concert provided by the Methodist Sunday School.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, of Toronto, an entertainer, well known in Stirling, provided most of the program. His several numbers were appropriately chosen and there was no suggestion of the vulgar which some professional entertainers peddle for humor.

The Primary Department of the Sunday School provided the opening chorus entitled 'The Night Before Christmas'. Little Misses Helen Gerry, Marion Bailey, Eleeda Moore, Iva Chambers, Marion Tucker, Dorothy Moore and Verna Lummiss and Masters Kenneth Moore, Don and Mastes Kenneth Moore, Don Scott, Harry Vandervoort, Leslie Chambers, Charlie Irwin and Floyd Lummiss formed the group of children, who sang and their sweet childish voices fitted the theme well. Miss Mae Currie presided at the piano.

The following girls performed, The Star Drill, in stately measured fashion; Misses Phoebe Mumby, Mary Hulin, Freda Thompson, Bessie Dickens, Doris Bailey, Ruby Richardson, Mildred Richardson, Bessie Conley and Florence Bailey.

Two of the best numbers of the evening were the piano solos rendered by Miss Grace Morrison of Toronto and Miss Irene Barker.

Gee spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Wannamaker at Trent Bridge.

Mr. Wm. McLaughlin came down from Oshawa Hydro Co. and spent Christmas with his aged mother who is an invalid.

No one hears the door that opens. When they pass beyond our call Soft as loosened leaves of roses.

One by one our loved ones fall.

Leaves have their time to fall Flowers to wither at the north winds breath,

And stars to set; but thou— Thou hast all seasons for thine own O Death.

It is a sizzling hot day. In the shade of the trees outside the farm house are stretched Dad and his three sons waiting the dinner call. From the furnace like heat of the kitchen comes tired, nervous and care-worn Mother. She carries a dull, rusty axe. With feverish intent, not to delay her men men folks' dinner, she attacks the wood-pile to secure a few kindlings. Dad and the boys watch her in a detached, impersonal way.

Finally the youngest son, seized with a sentimental urge, raised himself on his elbow and remarks, "Boys" come Christmas, let's all chip in and buy Ma a new apron!"

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But why not feed oats in their natural state, and thus save the trouble of sprouting them? Because in their dry state they are not especially relished by poultry and not greedily eaten. By sprouting they become more palatable and are a very desirable special feed for the following reasons:

1. They are succulent. That is, if properly prepared, sprouted oats contain fresh juices, which are very palatable and much relished. They contain these juices in a readily absorbable form, along with the other substances which they hold in solution, such as salts, etc.

With human beings at least, the relish of a palatable food greatly increases its value, as that stimulates the appetite and causes a greater flow of the gastric juices.

2. They contain diastase (or amylase, as it is now called) to a large degree and in an active condition. Diastase is the most common and best-known of the plant enzymes or ferments, and is found in all sprouting and germinating seeds. Its purpose is to cause the conversion of the insoluble starch or similar substances present in all seeds into sugars or sugar-like products.

Starch in itself cannot be absorbed by the growing cell. Thus, while ex-

likely to smother the wheat. Frozen bunches of straw should be broken up or thrown back upon the wagon and hauled to the barnyard.

I consider top-dressing with straw during the winter a great protection to the wheat crop. It helps to catch the snow and furnishes a covering for the wheat. It helps also to prevent freezing and thawing in the spring. It also furnishes a mulch for the wheat during the growing season and assists in securing good clover catches.

—L.R.

Storing Seed Corn.

The supply of suitable hatching eggs is quite inadequate, so that the owner of good stock will have little difficulty in arranging a satisfactory connection even though he may have to ship his eggs quite a distance to the hatchery.

Get in touch with the hatcheries near you and learn exactly how to meet their requirements. You will find them ready to meet you more than halfway if you can produce the thing they want.

When several flocks of hens are kept in one long house it is considered a wise practice to use wire-covered partitions between pens in order to provide for a maximum circulation of air during the summer months.

This frequently means too much draft in cold weather unless the front curtains are kept closed more of the time than is desirable. An excellent way to get around the latter difficulty is to cover the wire partitions with muslin or burlap when cold weather threatens.

Muslin is of course to be preferred, because it will make the pens lighter and will be somewhat easier to apply. Of course its cost will usually be something greater than the cost of burlap.

Some flock owners have found it worth while to build removable frames which are covered with muslin and which can be taken down or put up quickly when required.

Top-Dressing Wheat With Straw.

For several years I have been promoting more straw on my farm than I could work through my stables into manure; consequently, I have drawn out a large amount of straw during the winter and top-dressed wheat as a means of encouraging clover catches and to protect the wheat from adverse weather conditions during the winter and spring. I find this practice profitable and shall this coming winter top-dress a considerable area of wheat land.

I begin top-dressing wheat with straw as soon as the land is frozen hard enough to hold the wagon. I have tried spreading the straw with the ordinary manure spreader, but I find that I can do it much faster with forks. As I always stack my straw it does not wet in handily, and, if care is exercised not to uncover too much of the stack at once, very little trouble will be encountered with freezing.

I find it a good practice to throw the straw off in small piles on each side of the wagon, just enough to cover a space thirty feet wide. After the straw is unloaded I go along and spread it evenly and lightly upon the wheat. Here care should be exercised to spread the straw as lightly as possible. Too heavy spreading is



Big Game Hunters.

Mr. Filmfan—"At the movies they're showing a picture of a woman shooting a lion."

His Wife—"That's nothing. Don't you remember the time I killed a mouse with a broom?"

If combs freeze get more air into the henhouse. It's a sign of dampness.



Dr. J. H. Jeans of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, comes forward with the startling idea that there is life on the planets adjoining the sun in the same proximity as the earth.

THE WRECK OF THE MARY JANE

She was not a beautiful boat in any sense of the word, as viewed from the standpoint of a professional builder; but Billy Carter and Ned Dunham thought that she was as near perfection as it is possible to have a craft of her size.

She had been used for many years by the crew of the not very staunch nor fast-sailing fishing schooner, the Mary Jane, and that name was painted on the stern of the yawl.

When Captain Sproul hauled his long-used schooner on to the beach at Belfast, convinced that it would not be safe to attempt to make another voyage in her, Mary Jane the Second, as he called the small boat, was made fast alongside, and after having been exposed to the rays of the sun for the greater portion of one summer, Billy had purchased her at the low price of a dollar and twenty-five cents.

As the owner, Billy was, of course,

captain, and he shipped Ned Dunham as mate in order that he might have

some assistance in making repairs, for

it was necessary to do very much

patching before the hull would be suf-

ciently watertight to admit of her

floating.

Neither the captain nor the mate

were expert carpenters; but they con-

trived to do the work in a manner that

was partially satisfactory to them-

selves, and on a certain Saturday

morning Mary Jane the Second floated

in rather a clumsy fashion at the head

of the pier.

It was well-known among the friends of the captain and crew that they were to take a voyage of four miles—to Sampson's Ledge—on this particular day, and there were very many applicants for passage; but Billy, with a cautiousness well becoming a sea captain who fully realized all of his responsibilities, replied to each of his friends in the same words,

"You see, the Mary Jane isn't as strong as some other boats, and I'd rather not take any one with me but the mate till I find out whether she'll hold together or not."

As a matter of course there was no small amount of disappointment among those who believed they were entitled to a passage by the right of friendship; but they were all at the pier to see the voyage begun, with not an angry thought toward the skipper, for they recognized the necessity of giving the aged boat at least a fair show before putting her to any severe test.

Billy and Ned were provided with a generous luncheon, and a rigging for the Mary Jane, had an old leg-of-mutton sail, a faded ensign, two boards and two tin cans to be used as balling dishes. The mast was stepped, the tattered flag proudly hoisted, and Ned cast off the hawser in obedience to

the captain's loud command, while those on the pier shouted themselves hoarse as the old craft, swinging lazily around into the wind, began to glide away with sufficient speed to leave a well-defined wake behind.

"She's just a hummer, isn't she?" said Ned, in a tone of satisfaction, as the Mary Jane passed the town at the rate of about two miles an hour.

"The tide is helping her along some," replied the captain, modestly, as he held the tiller with a steady hand, and assumed what he believed to be a truly nautical position. "I suppose it would have been safe enough if we had taken a lot of the boys with us; but I wanted to find out just how she'd sail before we get a crowd on board."

Then the skipper and his crew gave themselves up entirely to the pleasure of listening to the murmur of the water as it rippled against the bow of the gallant craft, and each felt that a great mistake had been made in not preparing for a long voyage.

For an hour they were quite satisfied that they could have gone to sea in the boat with perfect safety; but at the end of that time they were convinced that even four miles was too great a distance for so old a craft.

In the excitement of being afloat and gliding slowly away from friends and home, they had failed to notice that the water was making its way through the imperfectly caulked seams, and it was not until their feet were wet that they realized what was surely uncomfortable, even though it might not be dangerous.

The mate set about bailing out, and for half an hour he worked in a leisurely fashion, thinking that the master was not very serious, until Billy exclaimed in tones of alarm:

"It's coming in around the stern post as fast as we can bail it out, and it seems to me as if the leak keeps growing larger all the time."

Ned ceased his work for a few moments, and then it was that both the boys saw many places through which the water was beginning to trickle at a rate that threatened speedily to swamp the Mary Jane.

"Take in the sail and help me, or she'll sink!"

Captain Billy looked around him in alarm.

The Mary Jane was midway be-

tween the point of destination and that

of departure; to gain the edge would

require at least an hour of time; to

return would take twice as long, since

it would be necessary to make several

tacks to reach the town, while to make

the nearest shore was impossible owing

to the fact that it would be at

tempting to sail in the very teeth of the wind!

"Take in the canvas!" shouted the mate, excitedly.

"Let it be!" shouted Billy. "I'll tie

the tiller, and perhaps we can keep her afloat till we get to the ledge."

He was working even as he spoke, and as soon as the helm had been secured he began to help the mate, both bailing as rapidly as possible, for the water was pouring in so fast that their utmost exertions were necessary to keep it below the thwart.

There was not a sail, nor even a rowboat, anywhere within ten miles, except at the dock from which the Mary Jane had started, and shipwreck on a pleasant day within sight of home seemed inevitable.

Sixty very long minutes passed, during which time the boys had worked as hard as they had never done before, and at the end of that time the crazy old boat was so deep in the water that both expected each instant to have her sink beneath their weight.

"Take off your jacket and shoes," said Billy, at length, as he began to set the example. "She's going to sink, sure, and we've got to swim for it."

The ledge was not more than two hundred yards away; there was hardly a ripple on the water, and fortunately the boys were fairly good swimmers.

The captain had thrown off his sweater and was attempting to remove his shoes, when he bent too quickly toward the port side, and the old boat gave up the struggle. It seemed as if she had been suddenly pulled from under her crew, so rapidly did she sink, and Billy and Ned, each with his shoes on, were floundering in the bay.

Under ordinary circumstances they

would not have thought it much of a

feat to swim that distance; but, en-

umbered as they were with a portion of

their clothing, it was all they could

do to reach the ledge.

The Mary Jane had sunk in nine

feet of water, but "the flag was still

there," as could be seen when the boys were on the rocks, the tattered ensign showing sufficiently above the surface to mark the spot where the old craft had gone down.

The fact that they were shipwrecked mariners on a rock so far in mid-ocean that they were a mile from land did not trouble them at first, but soon all that was disagreeable in the situation began to be felt. As the hours went by they grew hungry, but their provisions were at the bottom of the bay. The sun shone uncomfortably hot, but they had no shelter. They had expected that a vessel or a boat would soon come along to take them off, but no craft of any kind hove in sight, and now the tide was rising rapidly.

At high water they knew the ledge

would be proteted to the depth of six

inches or more, and the thought that

they might be obliged to remain there

all night, with the possibility of being

washed away and drowned was decidedly disagreeable.

On the right or island side of the

ledge the shore was hardly more than

a mile away, but the point of land

which projected toward the rocks was

covered with trees, and no signs of

life could be seen.

They alternately shouted, watched

for a sail, bewailed their sad fate

and wished for something to eat until

sunset, when the tide was fully up,

and they were obliged to stand as best

they could on the rocks in six or

eight inches of water.

During the whole of that long, ter-

rible night they wandered from rock

to rock, fully convinced that they

should starve to death, and the rising

of the sun brought them but little

cheer, for the tide having risen again,

they were partially submerged.

It was not until the middle of the

forenoon that they saw anything that

even promised assistance, and then

the glad sight of a farmer on the

shore with an ox team caused both

the shipwrecked ones to shout for joy.

The farmer answered them, but it

was impossible to hear what he said,

and they made every signal which

could mean distress, until, to their

great surprise, the man drove his

team into the water, coming directly

toward them.

"He must intend to some as far as

he can, and then have us swim out to him," said Captain Billy, as he began to remove his clothing.

But such was hardly the farmer's

intention. The tide had been ebbing

for three hours, and to the unspeakable

astonishment of Billy and Ned, the man drove directly toward them until he arrived at the ledge, the water

in no one place from the point to the

rocks being more than two feet deep.

It was with no little shame that

they realized that they had remained

all night on Sampson's Ledge, when

they could easily have waded ashore

and walked along the beach until they

arrived home.

"What's the matter?" the farmer

asked in surprise. "Why didn't you

come ashore? Aren't hurt, are you?"

"No," said Captain Billy hesitatingly, "we're all right; but we wanted to

see if you couldn't help us get our

boat out. It's sunk, just there where

the flag is sticking up."

"I can do it easy enough, if one of

you will swim out and tie this rope

to the painter. Then the cattle will

soon yard it ashore."

To do this, now the boys understood

that they were not, and never had

been, in any danger, was but a slight

task; and the Mary Jane was not only

drugged ashore, but carried on the ox

cart back to Belfast, where she may

yet be seen on the beach by the side

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Freel.

How One Mother Interests Her Child in Personal Cleanliness—By Helen Gregg Green.

and wash out her dress and under- wear."

After Jessica scurried away, her mother smiled.

"See how interested she is in keeping Gloria clean and dainty-looking?"

she said. "Well," because of this interest, she has become just as interested in herself. I wouldn't want Gloria to be ashamed of her mother," she declares. I found a washable doll, and made her some sturdy washable dresses and underwear. I knitted tan shoes, and some shoe polish. I got a baby's tooth brush, some tooth paste, a shampoo that makes an enticing lather, an orange stick and some nail polish. You can buy small sample cases very cheap. My child was delighted, back over her plump little shoulder. "And perhaps a bath."

I guess I must have had a slightly quizzical look, for Mother explained, "You see, Jessica for some reason, always hated being cleaned up. I remember one day when I was bathing her, she exclaimed, 'Mother, I wish water was only to drink!' Of course, the daily baths, and the shampoos were real trials. She didn't want to be clean. Finally, I decided to try out an idea I had hit upon, after a particularly hectic scene, when I had given her brown curls a much-needed shampoo."

There was a telephone call

HEALTH EDUCATION

BY DR. J. J. MIDDLETON

Provincial Board of Health, Ontario.

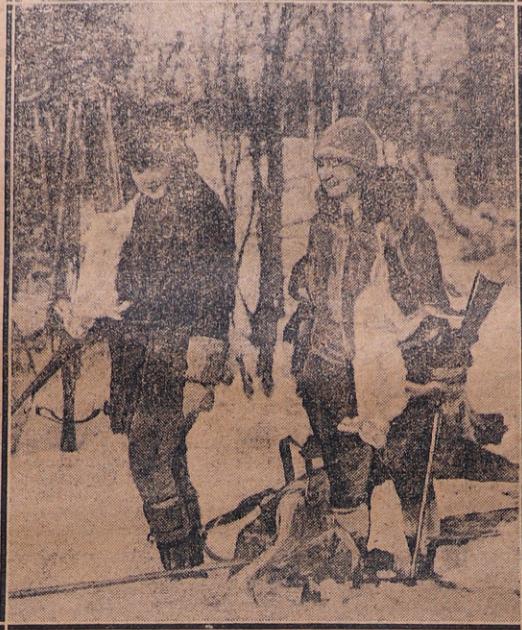
Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

In the prevention and treatment of diphtheria we often hear the word "Antitoxin" used, but how many of us could give a satisfactory explanation of what it means? Misinformed persons oftentimes noisy and truculent in attitude announce that antitoxin is a "filthy animal product." Were this true, it would be the height of foolishness for physicians to make use of it in the prevention or cure of disease. But it is not true. Antitoxin cannot be rightly described as "filthy animal product," but rather as a serum made from the blood of the horse under government regulation which require every precaution to ensure absolute cleanliness.

Many people will ask why horse's blood is used for the treatment of diphtheria. It is because the horse is a very suitable animal for the purpose, and it contains lots of blood from which the serum can be made at small expense as compared with other animals not so common. The horse, too, is a strong animal and its blood is even more suitable than the cow for the preparation of antitoxin.

What causes diphtheria? It is caused by minute plants only seen under the microscope, getting into the nose and throat and growing on the mucous membrane, just as larger plants which are visible to the naked eye, grow in the garden. While the individual diphtheric plants are too small to be seen, the beds of diphtheric plants are plainly visible in the patient's throat, forming white spots or patches. Sometimes these patches are confined to the tonsils and surrounding tissue, but once in a while they spread to the larynx or passage leading to the lungs and interfere with breathing.

But whatever part of the throat is affected, the chief harm, apart from interfering with breathing, is done by the poisons or toxins which this growth of diphtheria secretes. As the membrane on the throat grows, so the poisons are produced, and these are absorbed by the patient, after making



A FAIR PAIR AND TWO BRACE

Just before the fire was built for the rabbit stew, not a thousand miles from Quebec. You go after these—the rabbits—on skis or snowshoes.

THE GROWING GIRL

Requires a Mother's Constant Care and Watchfulness.

In their early teens it is quite common for girls to outgrow their strength, and mothers should carefully watch the health of their daughters at this time, for it is when strength is sapped by too rapid growth that anaemia develops. The first signs may be noticed by peevishness, languor and headaches. The face grows pale, breathlessness and palpitation follow, with low spirits.

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Wizards on Horseback.

Riff horsemen, whose achievements in the war with Spain are frequently referred to in the news papers, are the most daring riders in the world. When in full gallop they will throw their swords and matchlocks in the air, and catch them by the hilts or stocks without drawing rein.

Not long ago a war correspondent declared that he had seen a Riff rider thread a needle held by another rider, while racing full tilt across the sand!

Cossacks are fond of performing similar spectacular feats. One of their favorite tricks at gymnasiums is to snatch a child from its mother's arms, throw it into the air, catch it, and return it unharmed to its parent.

Indian riders of the Great Northwest will dismount while their steeds are galloping, pick up an object on the ground, and remount almost in the same instant.

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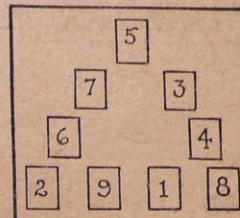
The excess of women over men in the population of London reached its highest point about sixty years ago.

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For First Aid—Minard's Liniment.

EASY TRICKS

A Card Triangle



This is an interesting stunt in which nine playing cards—all of the cards of a suit except the ten and picture cards—are used. The stunt is to arrange the playing cards in the form of a triangle so that the spots on each side of the triangle will total 20. The illustration shows how it is done. To make the arrangement more easily understood numbers instead of spots have been drawn on the cards.

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Is backward turned, and splendour shall arise.

Swift come the earlier dawns o'er land and seas,
Swiftly enlarging, from the conquest won,
Light, blessed light, to give the earth increase,

And fill our veins with gladness of the sun.

Gerald Bull.



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Arabic Life Saving.

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BORROWED THOUGHTS

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trade is plain. Art strives for ex-
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RING OUT WILD BELLS

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the
snow;

The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true;
Ring out false pride in place and
blood,

The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and
right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Tennyson.

THE COST OF EDUCATION

Mr. J. S. Morton's statement
at the nomination meeting that
money spent on education is one
of the wisest expenditures that
any community can make, scarce-
ly requires qualification.

To be sure the early advocates
of free schools and endowed col-
leges probably did not realize
where the application of the prin-
ciple they were advocating would
lead. The responsibility and the
privilege of bringing education
within the reach of the greatest
possible number demands serious
economic sacrifices for the com-
munity and the provinces. But
all human progress, whether social
or individual, is based on sacrifice
and it requires no wild flight of
imagination to realize that every
dollar prudently spent on the edu-
cation of the young will be return-
ed many fold as the years go by.

EDITORIAL NOTES

For more than a quarter of a
century Mr. Lindsay Meiklejohn
has been a member of the village
Council. He was Reeve for two
years and gave his best in unselfish
public service. His decision to re-
tire this year leaves a gap in the
Council which it will be difficult
to fill.

Have you made a brand new set
of New Year's resolutions, or sim-
ply polished up those of last year,
or the year before.

A CORRECTION

In the letter of condolence pub-
lished in our last issue for L. O.
L., No. 509 the name of the
member, Brother George McMaster
to whom the letter was sent was
inadvertently omitted.

WEST HUNTINGDON

District News and Views Conducted by
ARTHUR WILSON

CHRISTMAS DOINGS

The Christmas tree and concert of
the Methodist Sunday School was a
huge success. While we cannot boast
of our great manufacturing establish-
ments, (although we have some small
ones in this town), we can boast of
having as clever a bunch of boys and
girls as can be found anywhere. We
wish Mr. Editor you could have been
privileged to attend and have seen
for yourself the efficient way those
young folk four years to twenty-five
years old gave their dialogues, recita-
tions, pantomimes, choruses and drills.
You would have wished that you had
lived in West Huntingdon instead of
Stirling. However, another year if
the people in Stirling need any extra
entertainers they need not send to
some far away city for them. Just let
us know and we will supply them, we
are unfortunate in selecting our date
as there were several other entertain-
ments near us that evening, but we
were not disappointed as the church
was filled, and the proceeds amounted
to over forty dollars.

The school children also held a con-
cert of their own on Friday afternoon,
Dec 19th. They had a Santa Claus
and a Christmas tree, each pupil re-
ceiving a gift from their teacher.
There were also candies, nuts, and
oranges in abundance. The teacher,
Miss Kerr, was presented with an
ivory clock from the pupils.

The St. Andrew's Sunday School
held their Christmas entertainment
at Town Hall, Ivanhoe. Proceeds \$47.

A number of our people were out of
town for holidays and we entertained
some from other places.

CURRENT EVENTS

Santa Claus stopped at our station
on Christmas morning and left a fine
baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. Everett
McCann.

While coming to the Christmas con-
cert on Monday evening, Mr. Harry
Kilpatrick and Mr. Nelson Seales of
Foxboro were hit by an auto. The cut-
ter which they were riding in was
smashed to pieces but fortunately no one
was hurt seriously. This ought to
be a warning to auto drivers that our
front street is quite slippery, and that
fast driving is prohibited.

Wedding bells are ringing quite
loudly down the fourth line.

Shooting matches seem to be be-
coming more popular. There have
been several in this vicinity. Some
are debating whether or not they are
the best thing after all.

A large number of our rate payers
were at the nomination at Town Hall
Ivanhoe, on Monday afternoon. Hunting-
ton is to have an election this
year.

PERSONALS

Mr. F. Wilson, the Misses Tena and
Evelyn Wilson spent Christmas holi-
days at Oshawa.

Miss Jean Fargey of Belleville was
home for a few days at Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs Lane visited their par-
ents at Oakville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bray attended
the funeral of Mr. William Noyes at
White Lake on Monday.

Miss Sarah Wilson of Hastings was
down for a few days at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McGowan and
family spent Christmas Day at Mar-
mora.

Mr. Fred Fargey of Toronto spent
the holidays with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. A. B. Fargey.

Miss Annie Sills of Niagara is spend-
ing a few days with her mother.

A RETROSPECT

What an ideal Christmas this has
been! Aside from a few colds there has
been no sickness at all in our town.

Then think of the weather, although

Sparks from a Preacher's Anvil

A Series of Sermonettes by Rev. Robt. Simpson

VI.

"A man that has friends must show
himself friendly." Proverbs 18:24.

I

This is the season of Friendliness.
Some of us can count our friends by
the scores. As friend's greetings
pour in upon us how rich we feel.
Yes, men! Take my health, take my
wealth, but leave me my friends. To
be rich in friends is to be rich indeed.
How many rare and precious things
are bound up in this word—Friend-
ship, companionship, affection, cor-
diality, esteem, respect and love.
Greater far are these in value than all
the wealth of forest or mine, of broad
acres or of the deep sea.

II

But some are poor in friendships.
But why so? Our text gives answer.
It rests with ourselves whether we
are rich in friendships or otherwise.
Friendship does not spring up like a
gourd. It is a slow grower. There is
no friendship at first sight. Some
egotists keep themselves in misery
wondering why they have no friends.
Friendship is based on mutual respect
and esteem. If you want your merit
to be known you must acknowledge
the merits of others. As a great
hearted Scot—John Stuart Blackie—
once said, "Love as many persons and
creatures as you possibly can. Love
is the only power by which you can
make yourself rich in a moral world."
And Dickens' words come to mind:
"And mark my well Copperfield, true
happiness can come to you only in
proportion to the efforts you put forth
to bring happiness to others."

III

If we would have a Happy New
Year we must make it by making
a little chilly now and then, on Christ-
mas Day how brightly the sun shone,
and how one could travel, by sleigh or
auto. Surely we ought to be thankful
for these many blessings. But are we?
Me-thinks that sometimes we are
not—that we are not much better
than our ancestors were nearly two
thousand years ago. We read in the
Good Book that there was no room
for the Christ Child in the inn that
He had to be born in a stable. Is
there any room for Him in these lives
of ours at Christmas time or are we
too busy with just being entertained,
buying and receiving of gifts and
feasting. How many of our churches
had service on Christmas? Would
some one please tell us?

We wish the editor and all who
read the West Huntingdon news, a
Happy and Prosperous New Year.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

HOW MUCH FOR PUBLICITY

(Barrie Examiner)

The question of how much a retail
business should expend upon advertising
is primarily answered by the state-
ment that advertising as well as other
expenses must pay returns for the
money spent. Their are perhaps no
two stores which require exactly the
same amount. As in other things, pec-
uliar conditions govern particular cases.

The amount spent by other stores
handling similar merchandise, how-
ever, offers some guide to a proper
advertising expenditure, and statistics
collected by one of the leading tech-
nical publications of the United States

IV

will help to point the way.

It has been found that Jewelry
stores ordinarily spent from 2 1/2 to
4 cents per dollar of sales, depending
upon the size of the store, while shoe
stores get along with an expenditure
ranging from 1 1/2 to nearly 4 cents, and
again the largest stores spend the
most. Specialty stores spend about 3 1/2
cents of each dollar taken in, and the
department stores spend a somewhat
similar amount. Grocery and hard
ware stores ordinarily spend some-
what over half of one per cent, o
sales.

While amounts may vary in individ-
ual cases, the publication reports
one general conclusion—that all the
"go getters" rate advertising expense
as an essential part of the overhead,
same as rent, heat, light and wages.

MUNICIPAL VOTING

(Carleton Place Canadian)

We believe the town of Almonte
has created a record in the municipal
election contest held there a week
ago in the getting out of the vote.
Ninety-five per cent of the possible
voters and ninety-eight per cent of the
available vote was polled. As a rule
only about fifty to sixty per cent. of
the vote is polled in any election con-
test so little interest do many rate-
payers take in election contests. In
every election it should not be said
of any ratepayer that he or she
thought so little of their franchise as
to not think it worth while to vote.
If a township, a village, a town, city
or country is good enough to live in
it is the duty of every citizen to
take an interest in the election of the
representatives who transact the
business.

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Local and Personal

We hope our readers will consider this column their very own. We always appreciate receiving items of local interest by telephone (59) post card or by a friendly call at the office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmonds and children spent Christmas in Peterboro.

Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Sine spent Christmas in Peterboro.

Mr. Ray Montgomery of Detroit is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mr. D. W. Mosher of Bengough, Sask. is visiting friends in the Stirling district for a few weeks.

Hockey Match! Bankers vs. Wildcats, Tuesday, January 6th, Stirling rink. Admission 10 cts. 17 (a).

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thrasher of Oshawa spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher.

Misses Chrissie and Katherine Simpson from Brooklyn are spending the vacation with friends in town.

Miss Wava Wallace of Bancroft is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace.

Master Reginald Scott of Foxboro is spending the holidays with his cousin, Donald Scott.

Mrs. F. N. McKee and daughters, Miss E. Kennedy and Miss C. Simpson from Brooklyn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott on Tuesday.

Mr. John Webb of Sedley, Sask., is visiting his father, Mr. J. Webb and his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher and Edna spent Christmas at Mt. Pleasant with Mrs. Thrasher's mother, Mrs. Summers.

The Cheese Box factory is closed this week for repairs, but will commence operations again next week. The plant will likely close for a few weeks later on.

Mr. C. W. Caskey of McMaster University, Toronto and J. G. Caskey and Master Kenneth of Madoc were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reid.

Mrs. William Wallace and Miss Wava spent the Christmas holidays with the former's daughter, Mrs. Ernest Lott at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Montgomery and Dorothy of Campbellford, Mr. Ray Montgomery of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bush and baby Keisha spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Montgomery.

The Bowling Club dance last evening was the usual pleasant affair. The number present was not too large to crowd the floor and everyone enjoyed themselves. A nice sum was realized for the Club funds.

The famous movie—The Covered Wagon, will be presented in the Empire Theatre by St. John's Church, Jan. 13th. A real treat. Read the adv. of next issue. Reserved seats at Elliott's. 17 (a)

Miss Marion Halliwell of the Ontario Civil Service and Miss Kathleen Halliwell nurse-in-training at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, spent Christmas with their mother, Miss Kathleen returned to Toronto on Christmas night and Miss Marion remained until Monday.

Mr. Arthur Girdwood B.A., Principal of Barrie Collegiate Institute and his little son, are spending their va

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7 p.m.—"Bread Scarcity."

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CARMEL, SUNDAY, JAN. 4TH

Service—2:30 p.m.

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10 a.m.—Sabbath School

Service at Stirling at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. D. C. Ramsay M.A.

Service at West Huntington conducted by Rev. A. S. Kerr.

Rawdon Circuit Notes

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1925.

Bethel—10:30 a.m.

Wellmans—2:30 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant—7:00 p.m.

Bethel Teacher Training Class at Mr. Roy Welbourne's, Monday evening.

League meetings: Wellmans, Tuesday evening; Bethel, Thursday evening; Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening. Subject, "Good Resolutions."

Here and There

LOOKING BACKWARD

FROM NEWS-ARGUS DEC. 21ST, 1899.

Mr. Jas. A. Wescott has contracted for the erection of a windmill for the pumping of water for use in watering the streets. The windmill will be put up early in the Spring.

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Thos. A. Milne, which took place on Tuesday last after an illness of several weeks. She had been a resident of this village during her whole life and previous to her marriage was for many years a teacher in the Public School.

The Methodist Church at Bethel will be re-opened on Sabbath, Jan. 7th, 1900. Rev. T. M. Campbell will preach.

HOCKEY PICTORIAL

The second edition of the Hockey Pictorial is on the market, more complete and up-to-date than the original edition, which was received with such acclaim by followers of the great winter sport. According to this survey, mill expenditures totalling \$7,350,000 are contemplated.

Hunters patronizing territories in the Algoma district of the Canadian Pacific Railway had a very successful season in 1924, according to a report recently issued.

Moose numbering 173, deer numbering 2,183 and approximately 7,050 partridge were secured and the number of hunters ran into several thousand. The figures quoted include those for Kipawa, Temiskaming, Mattawa, Sturgeon Falls, Pakesley, Saanichton, Chapleau, Sudbury, Scheibe and Nipigon, all exceptionally good game areas.

More Christmas trees were shipped from Nova Scotia for the 1924 festive season than ever before, according to figures just compiled.

Twenty-two car-loads from territory bordering the Dominion Atlantic Railway alone were shipped to outside points and approximately 150 car-loads left the province generally.

A splendid season of winter sports is expected at Quebec this year, as more and more people are becoming interested in these healthy recreations in Canada and the United States. In connection with the activities of the Chateau Frontenac, the Canadian Pacific's great hotel in the Ancient Capital, a number of new features will add to the attractions Quebec has to offer. These include inter-club, inter-collegiate and international competitions in all winter sports, to be held under the auspices of the recently formed Frontenac Winter Sports Club, which will award the successful participants with trophies of various kinds and attractive gold, silver and bronze medals.

The names of the winners of the David prizes for literature, awarded to the writers of the best French and English books entered in the competition for these prizes, have just been announced by the committee of judges. In the French section the first prize, \$1,500, went to Abbe Camille Roy for his book "A l'Homme des Erables," while the English section Marjorie Grant Cook won first prize with her book "Another Way of Love."

The most successful year enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Steamship Service in freight shipments since 1913 is reported by Mr. Duff, manager of that service.

We agree with the ideas expressed by the writer that what ever criticism is offered be constructive. It is not our policy to encourage mere knockers.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED TILLY EASTWOOD, late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Farmer, Decedent.

PROBONS brought claims against the estate of Alfred Tilly Eastwood late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Farmer, Decedent, are required to send statements and proofs thereof to the creditors' solicitors for Alfred Ernest Eastwood before the 31st day of January, 1925, after which date the same will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto.

Dated the 29th day of December A.D. 1924.

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for the season, fatigued. The whole fleet of package freighters for the first time since the outbreak of the Great War, has been constantly employed during the seven months in which the lakes are open. A feature was the very large increase in the export flour business, some 75 per cent of the 300,000 tons of flour carried eastward by the service having been destined for export. October was a particularly good month, the ships having transported in that month 53,000 tons of eastward bound milled stumps and grain alone.

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Passenger...10:17 a.m. Mail & Ex...2:35 p.m.

Early morning trains stop for through passengers only.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

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HICKORY NUT CARAMELS.

Place three-fourths of a cupful of thin cream, three tbsp. of butter, one cup of sugar and one cup of molasses in a saucepan. Bring the mixture to the boiling point and add three squares of unsweetened chocolate. Stir it carefully until the chocolate has melted and continue to let the mixture boil until the syrup forms a firm ball when dropped into cold water. Remove it from the fire and add one-half tsp. of vanilla and one cup of chopped hickory nuts. Turn the mixture into an oiled pan. When it is cold, cut it into squares and wrap each square in waxed paper.

FROSTED FIG FUDGE.

Make a chocolate fudge and pour it into a pan to the depth of one inch. Cover it thickly with coarse chopped dried figs. Boil one cupful of sugar and one-fourth of a cup of water until the syrup will spin a thread and then pour it over the white of one egg beaten stiff. Add one tsp. of vanilla and continue to beat it until it is stiff. Pour it over the layers of fudge and figs and cut it into squares when it is cold.

ALMOND SEA FOAM.

Boil three cups of light-brown sugar, one cup of water and one tsp. of vinegar together without stirring until the syrup spins a thread when dropped from the spoon. Remove it from the fire and pour the boiling syrup over the whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Beat the mixture until it is firm enough to hold its shape, then add one-half tsp. of almond extract and one heaping cup of almonds that have been blanched and broken. Drop it quickly from a teaspoon on sheets of waxed paper.

BUTTERNUT FUDGE.

Boil one cup of maple syrup (or one cup of honey), one cup of sugar, one-half cup of rich milk and one-half cup of water until the syrup forms a ball when dropped into cold water. Cool it slightly; then beat it until it is creamy. Add two-thirds of a cup of broken butternut meats and turn the candy into an oiled pan and cut it into square pieces.

BRAZILIAN FLUFF.

Cover the bottom of an oiled candy pan with marshmallows in which slits have been cut. Slip a brazil nut into each slit and force the edges together. Pour a rich chocolate fudge over the marshmallows and when it is cold cut the candy into squares.

SUPREME NUT CANDY.

Put one and one-half cups of molasses and three-fourths of a cup of sugar into a saucepan; boil it until the syrup forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add three-fourths of a cup of butter and continue boiling the syrup until the "cracking point" is reached; then remove it from the fire at once. Beat in a pinch of baking soda and add one-half pound of fine chopped figs and dates, or figs and dates in equal proportion, one cup each of coarse chopped pecan, filbert and walnut meats and one-half cup of blanched, shredded almonds. Pour the mixture into an oiled pan and keep it in a cool place overnight. If you wish, add a tsp. each of almond and vanilla extract just before pouring the candy into the pan.

COLOR IN THE HOME.

We do not use enough color in our homes. Many sitting rooms, dining room and kitchens though they are furnished in perfect taste as far as they go, lack a certain gayety and sparkle that a splash of color in the right place gives. I realized this when I visited a model home in the city a short time back. I talked to one of the young ladies in charge about this and she gave me some very valuable pointers.

"There never has been a time," she said, fluffing up a flame-colored sofa pillow with long black tassels, that had been placed in a dull tapestry-covered wing chair in a rather dark corner, "when cushions have been so popular or when they have been so lovely. That does not mean, though, that they should be piled, hit or miss, on divans or in cozy corners."

"They must be chosen very carefully to give just the necessary bit of color needed in the room, and very often they are black. Nothing is more

decorative or more comfortable than huge soft pillows in all shapes, made from heavy black satin and finished with gold tassels.

"With these use one or two in a color that will fit into the scheme. It has been demonstrated again and again that when a note of black is introduced into a room everything else in it seems to have gained in importance, and this touch of black is so easily obtained in cushions."

I thought that was most interesting, and I asked her all manner of questions about interior decoration. I asked her what else one could use to brighten up a dull room.

Of course there were lamps. If a corner is dark it seems that nothing brightens it up better than a brilliant lamp shade. The Chinese ones that she showed me were lovely on the lacquered lamps; the parchment shades were done in any color and style; but the ones that interested me most were the bright, gay plaited ones made from wall paper or glazed chintz.

Then it seems that candlesticks are made in every color of the rainbow these days, and there are candies to match any one of them.

In looking about I saw scrap boxes, desk sets, ash trays, painted boxes, flower bowls—all in gorgeous colors.

Pictures are framed, too, so they furnish a note of color in a room. I had always thought of picture frames as either gilt or some dark wood. Not so: They are vivid scarlet, soft green, black with a line of red, orange and black.

A NEW DOLL SET.



TRY THIS ONE ON YOUR PIANO
One of the daily dozen, or bandball on skis on the Dufferin Terrace, Quebec. The new ski jump, erected by the Frontenac Winter Sports Club, has proved a great attraction to amateur skiers from all over the continent, and international and intercollegiate jumping competitions have been arranged to take place in the near future.

freshments in boxes of uniform size, wrap and address as for parcel post and stamp with postage stamps. Have some one carry the boxes to the front door, then knock or ring, and the hostess could answer and bring in the boxes, announcing that a package for each guest had just come by parcel post.

Ask guests to adjourn to the dining-room, where coffee should be served, with fruit gelatine or ice cream for the last course. The dining table could be decorated with a centre-piece made of crepe paper, to represent a mail-bag. In this bag, you could have letters addressed to the various guests, each "letter" to contain a suggestion as to a stunt she is to perform. These suggestions could also be used for a shower.

Angels.

I too have looked on angels,
The angels of the Lord,
And entertained them unawares.
Worn men and women bowed with
cares,
Pilgrims whose patient eyes were
prayers,
Binding rebellious Israel
With love's tenacious cord.

All quietly God's angels
Go lifting hearts that fall,
Slipping our prison doors ajar,
Shining more softly than a star
Where glooms have been the shadows
are,
Guileless as Nathaniel,
Undaunted as Paul.

Oh, I have looked on angels,
The angels of the Lord,
With none believing their report,
Of the Philistines made a sport,
Rejected, yet the temple court
Of God's own grace, immanuel,
His worship their reward.
—Katherine Lee Bates in Youth's Companion.

Egyptian priests were highly learned men, entrusted with keeping written records.

Minard's for Sprains and Bruises.

White Hands of Winter.

White hands of winter
Fragile as snow,
Down through the meadows
Eerily go,

Tucking the roses
Warmly to sleep,
Teaching the rivers
Mutely to creep.

Under their wrappings
Of crystal and glass,
White hands of winter
Silently pass,

Hushing the riot
Of fall with their breath;
White hands of winter
Beautify death.

—Irma Grace Blackburn.

Handicapped.

"How's Dick tackling this year,
Mabel?"
"I really don't know, mother sits
around all evening."

No More Nightmares.

Nightmares can be banished, if an American doctor's theory is true. He claims to have cured a woman patient of terrifying dreams, giving her instead bright and happy ones.

Always strain a dye through muslin before adding it to the water.



Gwendolyn La Gallienne, wife of the famous violinist, Andre Polak, daughter of the celebrated poet, Richard La Gallienne, and sister of the prominent actress, Eva La Gallienne, is seeking fame in her own right as a sculptress. She is shown in her Paris studio.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought." —Longfellow.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd.)

Something swam before Peter Garvock's eyes—something red and awful, which could have but one name!

On these lands, by that very march dyke, there had, in old days, been strife between Stair and The Lees; and where strife had been there may be strife again! The old blood feud between Stair and The Lees was like to have a fresh chapter added to its bitter story.

Alan Rankine, not recognizing his cousin for a few minutes, came striding on, but not blithely, for his own thoughts were too complicated and too overwhelming, but certainly without the slightest expectation of meeting his cousin at such an hour, in such a place. He was thinking of him, naturally picturing him at the Clock House with Carlotta, trying, perhaps, to imagine what would be transpiring there. But a few steps further, which brought him near enough both to recognize the figure and to behold the expression on his cousin's face, left him in no doubt.

The thing had happened!

Carlotta had spoken, and the reckoning was in front. Rankine took himself in grip, for the moment was one to try the mettle of a man, and he was fully alive and sensitive to the partial dis-honor of which he had been guilty.

Seeing Carlotta, he had been lifted, as it were, on the crest of some tremendous wave, which had hurled him whither it would! But there could be no happiness in Alan Rankine's heart, for he was an honorable man, and he had decided already that life would have been better without this.

As Stair approached, Peter Garvock, of a set purpose, seemed to retreat until he reached the gate in the march dyke again, against which he planted his back and folded his arms.

His face was not good to see. It was deadly pale, and his eyes glowed with an unholy fire. The Garvock temper was well known in Ayrshire, and some of the old legends of the countryside were based on the ravages it had made.

Stair, alternately reddening and paler, advanced, and presently stood in front of his cousin, a few paces back.

"Well?" he said, in a short, strange voice. "I expect you are seeking me, Peter?"

"I was on my way to Stair," said Peter thickly. "Perhaps it is better that we have it out here. What have you to say for yourself—you hound and cur!—to come sneaking back here and stick your damned nose in my affairs and steal my promised wife?"

"I have nothing to say for myself," answered Alan Rankine quiet quietly, though his color rose with the heat and passion of his cousin's words. "I don't know what Miss Caryon may have told you. There has been no treachery in the ordinary sense. We met only once, that day you took me to her, and again, this morning. Neither of these meetings was of our seeking—though they had to be. But I would give twenty years of my life, Peter, that this had not happened."

The contempt on Peter Garvock's face equalled his rage.

"Spare your mealy-mouthed apologies and explanations! They don't fit the case. You have been guilty of the lowest, meanest action one man can do to another. You have cast some sort of damned spell over the woman as you have cast it over others. I could name. And all your high-sounding, fine words won't wipe out your black treachery. But, if I can't marry Carlotta Caryon, Stair, you never will! I'll make it impossible for you—to do you hear?—impossible!"

He spoke the last word in a kind of hiss, and started forward as if he would be at his cousin's throat.

An ineffable sadness crept over Rankine's face.

"Listen, Peter. I don't suppose it is much use my speaking, but—try to listen while I explain. Did I foresee or want this thing which has been thrust into my life in such a strange, amazing manner? I would have been better without it. I am poor. My hands are tied. We can't marry. Even if she does not marry you, how is it possible that she can marry me? And I would point out to you that you have escaped untold misery by what has happened, for apparently Miss Caryon accepted your offer of marriage either under some compulsion or out of pique. There could never have been any happiness at The Lees under such conditions."

"I'll take care there is none at Stair!" was the retort which leaped, like a snarl, from Garvock's lips. "You had better get out of my sight, Stair, or there may be murder done. I've always hated you—with your smooth face and your sickening ways! You've never done a day's honest work in your life, or justified your existence! Look at me. We had equal chances, and see what I have been able to do! Anyhow, I hold you in the hollow of my hand, and I mean to crush you. There won't be any billing and cooing at Stair for a good many years to come! I told you yesterday, pretty straightly, how mat-

ters stand, but I kept the last card up my sleeve—Stair is mine, to all intents and purposes, mine! Do you hear? And I'll keep it hard and fast! You can go and earn your bread where you like—you and Judy and Claud! And when you are finding it a tough job to get food and shelter out there, in the world that you have supposed to exist for you, perhaps you'll find that it hardly paid you to make an enemy of Peter Garvock!"

Alan Rankine's temper was not fiery, and he had tried to make allowances for the frightful provocation his cousin had received; but at these scathing, humiliating words he bit his lip, and the veins began to stand out ominously on his temples.

Seeing this, Peter Garvock's lust for vengeance seemed to grow in intensity and power, and he went on in the slow, deliberate manner of the man who sets out to wound and to destroy. "We'll see what she has to say to it when she finds her bonnie bridegroom shorn of all his glory and estate, seeking and finding his level in the market-place! It'll be a fairly low level, I'm thinking, and that kind of woman only values a man for what he can give her!"

It was the one word needed to fan Alan Rankine's anger into the flame which equalled that burning in Garvock's heart!

He, too, saw red, and next moment they were in grips.

CHAPTER V. WHAT DID IT?

Judy was waiting for her tea. For the first time in many years she had both her brothers with her, Claud having come from Cambridge to attend his father's funeral. He was packing up for his return on the morrow when the tea-bell rang.

Claud was a short, squat young man, not unlike Judy in some respects, and there was little of the student about his appearance. A good deal of determination, however, was to be found in the square set of his jaw, and now that his chance had come, he intended to make the best of it. It had come rather late, a mistake having been made with Claud Rankine's career. In many families everything is sacrificed for the eldest son, and when funds had been low at Stair Claud had been brought home from school, his father having hastily decided that, while his brother was absent in India trying to retrieve the family fortunes at the rich Garvock springs, Claud should learn estate management.

The lad was willing enough, though not eager. But there was nobody to teach him his business except his father, whose ideas were a curious medley, more often than not without form and void. So the lad had drifted for a time, without, however, abandoning his ambition to go to College.

At length he got his way, and it was Judy who arranged matters and decided where the meagre hundred and fifty pounds a year was to come from for Claud's keep at Cambridge.

Claud had been now a year there, and was likely to carry everything before him. What his ultimate career would be they had not decided. Judy inclined to diplomacy, and had visions of applying to high places when the time should be ripe.

But young men of Claud Rankine's type do not need much bolstering after the initial stage. Give them their chance, and they make good in every walk of life. Claud had already made his mark at Cambridge, though he was far too modest to talk about it, and he had no anxiety about his future.

The fulfilling of a long-cherished desire had wrought a wonderful change in the lad, developing in him a sunny temperament which was a constant joy to Judy. Womanlike, she had poured her chiefest devotion on Alan, who won love as easily as he breathed. Just she had been and truly kind to both brothers, because it was not her nature to be otherwise, but now she was slowly learning that her younger brother had qualities lacking in the elder.

(To be continued.)



He—"We ought to be very happy—we have so many things in common."
She—"And after marriage we'll have our bank account that way too, eh?"

Stored silver will not tarnish if a piece of camphor is put away with it.

Minard's Liniment for the Grippe.

Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—A considerable export trade in live silver foxes is being conducted by island fox breeders at the present time. The most recent consignment was one of ten pairs of black and silver foxes from Bear River to San Bernardino, Calif., where a fox ranch will be established by a former Prince Edward Island man.

Halifax, N.S.—The National Fish Co., of Halifax, are adding a new industry to their plant here in the shape of a fish meal mill in which they will utilize the waste from their products, such as fish skins, etc., in the manufacture of a meal to be used as a feed for horses, cattle, etc. Heretofore this waste has been taken out to sea and dumped, but with the addition of new machinery to their present plant they will now be able to take care of this waste as well as giving employment to several men.

St. John, N.B.—Improvement is noted in the fishing industry of the Maritime Provinces. The maritime merchant reports various happenings indicating that the industry is coming back. The outlook for canned lobsters, owing to market conditions in France and Germany, is improving. The activities of the Lunenburg fleet are being increased and the fresh fish trade is being developed by the use of steam trawlers.

Montreal, Que.—The Canadian Frost-Air, Ltd., a company recently incorporated to manufacture a new refrigerant "Press Air Ice," is establishing a plant here, which will have a daily capacity of 50,000 lbs.

Timmins, Ont.—The output of gold reached a new high mark for Northern Ontario during November. Combined production from Porcupine and Kirkland Lake during the month was around \$2,300,000, or at the rate of be-

tween \$27,000,000 and \$28,000,000 a year.

Winnipeg, Man.—Graveling of the Lord Selkirk Highway, the principal artery of communication between Manitoba and the United States, will be proceeded with immediately, according to an announcement made by the Provincial Deputy Minister of Highways. The total estimated cost for the completion of the highway from St. Norbert, Man., to the international boundary is \$320,000. It will form a link with four chief highways south of the border.

Regina, Sask.—The estimated value of the total wool clip of the three prairie provinces for the past year is \$631,700, obtained for 2,630,000 pounds of wool. Alberta leads with 1,250,000 and received the best price, which would average around 25 cents a pound. Saskatchewan had 840,000 pounds for which an average price of 23 cents was obtained. Manitoba's yield was 600,000, with an average price of 21 cents a pound.

Edmonton, Alta.—Preparations are made for the winter fishing operations on the big lakes of Northern Alberta. A total of 550 commercial fishing permits have been issued by the Dominion Fisheries office in Edmonton, compared with 460 last year. It is expected that 70 more will be issued. Last year the catch of the Northern Lakes amounted to some 1,500,000 lbs. of dressed white fish, and it is expected that the catch this year will equal or exceed that figure.

Victoria, B. C.—Whaling stations along the British Columbia Coast are finding business much better this year than last. Up to the present month more than 200 tons of whale oil from the stations on the Queen Charlotte Islands, have been shipped to England.



When some irregular local police mutinied at Gurdial, India, they took possession of a block house and defied the world. A small British gun, however, upset their calculations and they were captured.

Encouragement.

Blessed are they who, without a mere rush of optimism to the head or persistence in a fool's paradise, habitually take a cheerful view of our little planet and its citizens and are forever lending a hand to help a good work forward.

The world market is oversupplied with mere fault-finders, who do nothing but knock. Those who know so much and are content to know it usually do nothing, instead of doing more than the rest. In all directions help is needed. That help does not come from those whose cynicism withers, whose irony sears and chills, whose tongues are cutting implements.

Indeed, the most self-sufficient—as they seem to us—are often longing for the morsel of encouragement in our power to bestow. There still lives in each of us the child who runs to his mother to be petted and encouraged and told he has done well.

To one whose hand is set to the world's strenuous daily enterprise, soft blandishments and honey-tongued flattery are enervating. His first and best encouragement is to see the work go forward, as he and his mates toil loyally together. They face all weathers, surmount all crises, endure all grief and hazard; and in the darkest hour, though they may say little, they will be found giving each other the steady hand; the heartening word that comes with the force of new regiments to soldiers hard beset.

\$250,000 Property Loss by Fire at Winnipeg

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Fire, starting in the elevator shaft on the second floor, Christmas Eve, practically destroyed the Werner Block, in the wholesale district here. The damage was estimated at \$250,000. There was no one in the premises at the time.

Fought in bitterly cold weather, the fire was one of the most stubborn experienced by the city brigade in several years, and at one time threatened a cafe and adjoining hotel. The occupants were preparing to leave when the flames were brought under control shortly after midnight, an hour after the first alarm was sounded.

The block was occupied by several wholesale firms, the heaviest losers being the Werner Drug Co. and the Van Berkely Product Co.

Term "Fresh Egg" Explained by French Court

A despatch from Paris says:—After three days of ponderous deliberation, a French court has decided just what is a fresh egg. It is an egg not more than two weeks old in summer or three weeks in winter. Dealers who sold older eggs as fresh were given fifteen days in jail and fined 300 francs. The court also defined the three classes egg. First is the egg a la coque, that is, young enough to boil; second, the egg still fresh, though laid over a fortnight, but not artificially preserved; third, the preserved egg. Hereafter eggs must bear their proper label.

A despatch from Louisville, Ky., says:—Joy came to Elsie Day, 14, patient in the Kentucky School for the Blind, Christmas morning, when she looked at the first doll she had ever seen, her gift from Santa Claus.

Sight itself is new to Elsie. For as long as she could remember she had been blind. Two weeks ago she was admitted to the school, and two operations, four days apart, gave her sight.

In two weeks she will go back to southeastern Kentucky to greet her father, mother and a blind brother.

Elsie has never seen them.

Ontario Government Makes Change in University Control.

Since 1906 the University of Toronto has been managed by a Board of Governors appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. This Board is really a Government Commission, made up of twenty-four members retiring at regular intervals. For some years the graduates of the Provincial University have been asking for representation on the Board of Governors and to their requests the Government complied by means of an amendment in March, 1924, to the University Act. Graduate members of the Alumni Federation are now to select a panel of eight names to be submitted to the Prime Minister and from this panel he will select some or all for appointment to the Board of Governors. In this way the Government's responsibility for the Provincial University will in no way be lessened and at the same time the graduates will have an opportunity to share in the governing of their own Alma Mater. Graduate members of the Alumni Federation are now being asked to send in nominations, balloting will follow after three weeks and, early in February, the names will be submitted to the Prime Minister.

Foreign Population of Paris Estimated at 620,865

"Good Americans go to Paris when they die," is the saying here, says a Paris despatch. To their infinite numbers must be added 38,623 living citizens of the United States now in Paris. They are presumably good, since they have satisfied the Parisian police of their desirability as residents and have earned a place in the census returns.

Italians, it would seem, prefer earning a good living now, in preference to enjoying Paris in future incarnation, since there are no less than 113,574 of them registered with the police. Most of these sons of Italy are employed in the building trades in and around Paris.

The Belgians come next with 96,457. The Russians total 56,909 and the Swiss 53,571. The total number of foreigners registered as residents of Paris and its suburbs amounts to 620,865, of a population of 4,500,000.

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Has Sight Restored

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The night watchman on the houseboat of Marshal Joffre, a popular restauranteur in Paris well known to tourists, was startled the other night when a canoe drew up out of the darkness on the Seine and its occupant jumped on the deck. The visitor asked if he could leave his canoe on the deck of the houseboat. Permission was granted.

His most recent ruling was against a West End company which was about

to produce a new edition of its frothy musical revue.

One of the songs in the piece was not allowed to be sung because it four eminent politicians

—Austin Chamberlain, Winston Churchill, Ramsay MacDonald and David Lloyd George—were portrayed

in a lightsome vein.

The English Channel represented

the most difficult leg of his European travels and it took two attempts for him to make the French coast. On his first trip from Dover to Calais a wave

washed his compass overboard. He

was forced to put back toward the English coast and was picked up at the South Goodwin Lighthouse after

fourteen hours at sea. Most of the time he was forced to keep bailing out

his canoe and barely escaped being

swamped.

Smyth immediately paddled back to

Dover after this unsuccessful attempt

and the next day started out again.

This time he was able to proceed on a

straight course for France. From

Calais he came to Paris by river and canal, the most pleasant part of his

trip, according to his reports. His

route from Paris lies up the Seine into

the old Burgundy Canal, down the

Saone and then the Rhone, coming into

the Mediterranean at Marseilles. He

will skirt the shores of the Mediterranean until he reaches the mouth of the Arno, and then paddle up this

stream into the Tiber and thence to Rome. The trip from Paris to Rome

will take about ten weeks.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.06½;
No. 2 North, \$1.91; No. 3 North,
\$1.86; No. 4 wheat, \$1.76½.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 75½c; No.
3 CW, 71c; extra No. 1 feed, 71½c;
No. 1 feed, 69½c; No. 2 feed, 66½c.
All the above c.l.f. bay ports.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.42½.

Milkfeed—Del. Montreal freight,

bags included: Bran, per ton, \$25.25;

shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings,
\$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.

Oats—No. 8 white, 48 to 50c.

Oat wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.42 to

\$1.45; No. 3 winter, \$1.41 to \$1.43.

No. 1 commercial, \$1.40 to \$1.41, f.o.b.

shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Maltins, 84 to 89c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 83c.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.21.

Man. flour—First pats, in jute

sacks, \$9.80, Toronto; do, second pats,

\$9.30, Toronto.

Oat flour—90 per cent. pat, \$7, in

45s, cotton bags, c.i.f.

Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, \$14.50.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.

Screenings—Standard, recleaned,

f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$2.75.

Cheese—New, large, 20c; twins, 20c;

old, large, 23 to 24c; Stiltons, 22c;

old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24c;

25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.

Butter—Finest creamy prints, 33

to 40c; No. 1 creamy, 37 to 38c; No.

2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68

to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage ex-

tras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47

to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; stor-

age seconds, 38 to 39c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c;

spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 18c;

roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up,

18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.

Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs.,

26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4

lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and

over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5

lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys,

38c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c;

primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp.

gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per

gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-

lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to

26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked

rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to

23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; spe-
cial brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c;
backs, boneless, 29 to 36c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50

to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80;

90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight

rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight

rolls, \$27.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18½c;

tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 18½ to 19½c;

prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces,

14½ to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15½c; pails,

15½ to 16½c; prints, 17½ to 17¾c.

Montreal.

Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW,
78c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c. Flour—
Man. spring wheat pats, firsts, 90½c;
seconds, \$9.40; strong bakers', \$9.20;
winter pats, choice, \$7.15 to \$7.25.

Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$2.95 to \$4.05.

Bran, \$35.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Mid-
lings, \$42.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton,

car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.

Cheese, finest wheats, 18 to 18½c.

Butter, No. 1, pasteurized, 35½ to 36c.

No. 1 creamery, 34½ to 35c; seconds,

33½ to 33¾c. Eggs, storage extras,

48c; storage firsts, 48c; storage sec-

onds, 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh

firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots,

60 to 65c.

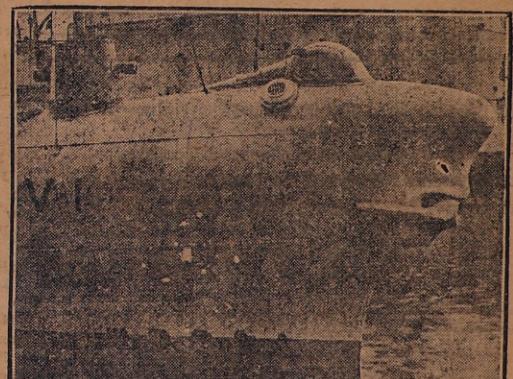
Christiania is Now "Oslo,"
Ancient Name of Capital

On New Year's Day the capital of Norway changed its name from Christiania to Oslo and all the geography books in all the schools of the world were made wrong.

The city has been called Christiania for the past three centuries, but it was called Oslo for the six centuries before that; so it is now going back to the name of Oslo.

Oslo became Christiania three centuries ago after a conflagration which wiped out the city and compelled King Christian IV to build a new capital of Norway across the bay from Oslo. In his honor it was called Christiania.

During the past three centuries, however, the suburbs included the site of Oslo, and the nationalistic spirit of Norway has emphasized its old traditions. The Christiania Chamber of Commerce, in hailing the name of Oslo, announces that "The Norway of to-day feels more than ever its unbroken continuity with the Norway of Harold the fair-haired who founded Oslo as his capital in 1047."



The bow of the newest of American submarines, the V-1, has the appearance of the head of a giant whale. The undersea dreadnaught is now in New York, being made ready for its trial trip to Portsmouth.

British Leaders Protected from Stage Jokes

Prominent British politicians have been protected from the irreverent chaffing of theatre comedians by recent rulings of the Lord Chamberlain, the official responsible for censoring plays and songs, says a London de-

VOTE C. B. McGuire for Reeve

The Man Who Does Things

Stirling's government under Reeve McGuire has been marked by unusual progress.

The streets paved and oiled.

The new bridge on Front St.

The retaining wall on east side of new bridge

The retaining wall leading to Anglican Church, all of which has not cost the village a dollar.

Also the purchase of the old mill pond and building the dam and many other improvements.

The tax rate is two mills lower this year.

Let the leadership that resulted in definite progress during the last four years continue in 1924.

One Good Turn Deserves Another
RE-ELECT
McGUIRE for REEVE

Electors of Stirling--

I am again in the field for the Council--Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

VOTE BAILEY
for
EXPERIENCE - PROGRESS - ECONOMY
E. G. BAILEY.

To the Electors, Municipality of Stirling:-

On my record as a Councillor for two years I appeal to you for your support for Councillor, 1925.

S. A. HATTON

Your Vote and Influence Respectfully
Solicited for--

D. A. BURKITT
For Councillor 1925

WANTED

Logs and Bolts

ccd, clean, soft Elm, Birch, Soft and Hard Maple Logs, 14 inches and over in diameter, cut 5, 10 and 15ft, long (cut off all shaky butts) for which we will pay \$30.00 per 1,000 ft. delivered in our yard; also Basswood logs cut 10 and 12 ft. at \$25.00 per thousand feet delivered at our yard.

Pine, Balsam and Basswood Bolts, 54 in. long, 6 in. and over in diameter for which we will pay \$8.00 per cord delivered in our yard. Poplar and Spruce bolts at \$6.00 per cord.

TIES

A limited number of ties cut 8ft. long, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and over in diameter for a No. 1 tie, from 8in. to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter is 2nd class. Ties to go in first class must be straight. We will pay the following prices:—White Oak No. 1, 95c, No. 2, 70c. Red Oak No. 1, 70c, No. 2, 45c. Hardwood No. 1, 45c, No. 2, 35c. These prices are delivered at our yard. Cut all ties as nearly right length as possible and to be cut square at both ends.

**Stirling Cheese Box & Basket Co.
STIRLING ONTARIO.**

Minutes of Rawdon Township Council

Council met pursuant to adjournment, in Rawdon Town Hall Dec. 15, 1924.

Members all present.

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Johnson and Bailey — that the usual grant to the School Fair be paid.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown — that Geo. Webb be paid \$8.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

An account was presented from Seymour Council. Moved by Mr. Bailey, Seconded by Mr. Johnson that the Clerk be instructed to write them Re Division of Boundary, and that the Council would meet with them to have any difference adjusted.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey — that Robert Lake be paid \$2.00 for drawing steel.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey — that the News-Argus be paid \$175.00 for Printing.—Carried.

Bailey and Johnson — that Mr. Murray Meiklejohn be paid \$30.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Mr. Jas. Booth's Road Work be written off Tax Bill.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown — that Mr. Albert Tompkins be paid \$6.00 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Johnson and Stiles — that the Medical Health Officer's account be paid.—Carried.

Johnson and Bailey — that Mr. Daniel Brown's Pay Sheet be paid for work on Marmora, and Seymour Boundaries.—Carried.

Stiles and Brown — that the Pay Sheet covering School Monies, Debentures and County Call be passed and ordered to be paid.—Carried.

Mr. H. Dafoe presented an account of \$28 for repairing Crusher, Brown and Johnson that the account be paid.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Mr. Geo. Bennett be paid for 40 rods of wire fence.—Carried.

Johnson and Stiles — that Mr. Geo. Mumby be paid for sheep killed by dogs as per Valuation Report, and that the Valuator be paid \$2.00.—Carried.

Bailey and Brown — that Mr. J. E. McGee be paid \$38 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Dr. Halliwell made application to be appointed Medical Health Officer. No action taken for the present.

Bailey and Brown — that Mr. R. Vance be paid \$2.00 for Inspecting sheep, and that Geo. Bennett be paid \$10 for sheep killed by dogs. Carried.

Bailey and Stiles — that Council adjourn for Board of Health Meeting.—Carried.

Council resumed.

Bailey and Stiles — that Mr. Jno. Bateman be paid \$5.00 for repairing culvert in 11th con.—Carried.

Bailey and Johnson — that Wm. McKeown be paid \$50 for job Lot 23 Con. 10.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Leo. Farrell be paid \$12.50 for balance of Job including Gravel.—Carried.

Brown and Stiles — that Mr. Ernest Spencer's account be paid of \$36.65 for Job Con. 2 and that H. Dafoe be paid \$10.00 for Labor and Plow.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that the Road Surveyors be authorized to repair Bridge on Side Road Lot 6 Con. 8.—Carried.

Brown and Bailey — that Mr. A. B. Fargey be paid \$21 for Labor and sheep killed by dogs.—Carried.

Stiles and Brown — that Mr. T. J. Thompson be paid \$14 for two Inspections and sheep killed by dogs.—Carried.

Johnson and Bailey — that the Municipal World be paid \$32.33 for supplies.—Carried.

Brown and Stiles — that Mr. J. A. Potts be paid \$5 for attending Judges Court 1923-24.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Mr. John Cassidy be paid \$2 Com. Statute Labor.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Mr. S. Mason be refunded \$2 Error of Dog Tax 1923 and that \$4 be written off Mrs. J. McInroy's Tax Bill.—Carried.

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Brown and Stiles — that Mr. W. Whittom be paid \$7.50 for 6 Tile.—Carried.

Brown and Johnson — that Mr. A. A. Reid's Tile account be paid.—Carried.

Correspondence was read from

Mr. W. H. Nugent (County Clerk) Brown and Stiles — that the Clerk be instructed to write stating that the movement met with the approval of Council.—Carried.

Bailey and Stiles — that the account of \$21 for Stationery, Post Cards and Mailing Lists be paid.—Carried.

A By-Law was passed in regular order appointing Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks, a place for holding Nomination etc.

The following accounts were duly passed and ordered to be paid.

Ray Atkin, Grant. \$ 15 00

G. Webb Com. Statute Labor 8 00

M. Meiklejohn Com. Statute Labor. 30 00

R. Lake Drawing Steel. 2 00

M. Meiklejohn 56 yds. Gravel 5 60

A. Tompkins Com. Statute Labor. 6 00

Dr. Thomson M. H. O. account. 118 00

Jas. Booth 17 yds. Gravel. 1 70

D. Brown Pay Sheet on

Marmora and Seymour Boundaries. 243 75

Allen Donnell, Printing. 175 00

Fred Jeff 22 yds. Gravel. 2 20

G. Mumby, Sheep killed by Dogs. 11 00

W. Tanner Inspecting Sheep. 2 00

C. Mumby Culvert on side road. 4 00

W. McMullen Remission of Dog Tax. 2 00

H. Dafoe repairing Grader. 28 00

J. McGee Com. Statute Labor 38 00

R. Vance Valuation of Sheep 2 00

G. Bennett Sheep Killed. 1 and 40rd. Wire Fence. 16 00

Board of Health Meetings 24 00

J. Bateman Culvert Con. 11 50 00

W. McKeoun Job Lot 23 50 00

Con. 10. 50 00

L. Farrell Balance on Job and 380 yds. Gravel. 50 50

J. B. Hagerman 155 yds. Gravel. 15 50

Ernest Spencer Job Con. 2 36 65

Chas. Morgan Wood. 12 00

J. Cassidy Com. Statute Labor. 2 00

H. Dafoe Bal. Job Con. 2 and plow. 10 00

C. Jeffrey 114 yds. Gravel 11 40

C. W. Heath 20 yds. Gravel 2 00

Ida Ovane 123 yds. Gravel 12 30

Mrs. F. Bateman 71 yds. Gravel. 7 10

E. Eastwood 178 yds. Gravel 17 80

F. Haight 50 yds. Gravel 5 00

W. Francis 114 yds. Gravel 11 40

S. Mason Error 1923. 2 00

W. A. Stewart 32 yds. Gravel 3 20

J. Morrison 140 yds. Gravel 14 00

A. R. Fargy Labor and Sheep killed by dogs. 21 00

T. J. Thompson Inspection and sheep killed by dogs. 14 00

Municipal World Supplies 82 33

J. A. Potts attending. 3 00

Judges Court 1923-24. 5 00

T. Mathews 7 yds. Gravel 70

A. Reid Tile account. 24 00

W. Whittom Tile account 7 50

W. W. Dracup Searching Registrars & Telephoning. 3 00

Mrs. Armstrong Bal. Salary and account. 20 44

W. W. Dracup Salary. 60 00

G. A. Bailey Salary. 60 00

Ernest Brown Salary. 60 00

W. S. Stiles Salary. 60 00

J. W. Johnson Salary. 60 00

E. Jackman salary & stamps 160 00

To the Electors of Stirling Village:-

Mr. Chas. Vanallen wishes to announce to the ratepayers of Stirling that in the present election for Reeveship his intention is to run a strictly Municipal Election instead of a Political fight as has been reported.

Mr. Vanallen is prepared to prove the report absolutely untrue.

**VOTE
VANALLEN
FOR REEVE**

FELLOW ELECTORS--

As an interested ratepayer I am offering myself as a Candidate for Council for 1925. We need progress with Economy. Our problems cannot be solved by sitting back and waiting for something to happen

**VOTE
THOMPSON
and GET ACTION**

A Happy New Year to all.

JETTY THOMPSON.

W.F. Bateman Salary. 350 00 is visiting Mrs. Jas. Nelson. Miss Luella Grills was visiting Miss Freda Hay over the week-end. Miss Marjorie Rannie was visiting her sister Mrs. Roy Walker last Sunday.

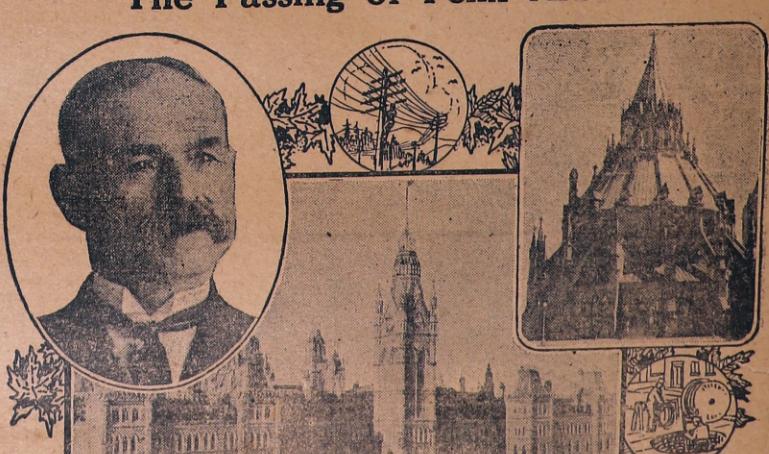
River Valley W. I.

River Valley Women's Institute held their December meeting at the home of Miss Nellie Searles with an attendance of 19.

Letter was read from Mr. Atkin in connection with the Rally of Institutes at Wallbridge. Sandwich and music were to be given by this Institute. Mrs. Clifford Barragar gave a grand report of the convention held in Toronto in November. Miss Nellie Searles furnished some nice instrumental music, reading by Mrs. Stanley Irvin and community singing led by Mrs. Barragar. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Irvin, Wednesday, Jan. 7th. Lunch committee, Mrs. Alex Park, Mrs. M. Donohue, Mrs. Gladstone Park and Mrs. Robt. Bush. Visitors always welcome.

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The Passing of Felix Arbour



Things were different forty years ago. When Felix Arbour, a stalwart young French Canadian of five and twenty, began work as a telephone lineman at Ottawa in 1885, John A. was the triumphant leader of the Government, Edward Blake marshalled the forces of the Liberals, and young Wilfrid Laurier, was already manifesting that ability as a parliamentarian that was to make him inevitable as Blake's Successor. As Felix Arbour went about his work in the vicinity of the old buildings on Parliament Hill, he often got a friendly nod and a cheery "Good morning" from the great men of that day. They envied his sturdy young frame and his smiling, kindly face.

But now it is all different. Ottawa has grown to be a big City, young men are in the seats of the mighty and Felix Arbour feels that his day is done.

His comrades of the Bell Telephone construction forces met the other day to bid him farewell ere he retired to enjoy a well earned rest. Following the presentation of an address accompanied by an arm chair and a smoking set, Felix made a parting speech that promises to become a classic among telephone plant men. He said: "I always received just treatment from my bosses. If I did wrong, they told me; and if I did well, they did not forget to praise me. I thank everybody for the help they gave me in my work. We did not always agree and had arguments; but we tried to help one another and it was all for the Company. Work in the Company's interest and I will be working in your own interest. Every time I went up a pole, I said to myself, 'Felix, be careful; if you fall, you may break an arm or a leg or maybe your neck.' Although I am not now working for the Company, I want you all to know me on the street; and as I go along I will keep my eyes on the wires and cables and if I see anything that may cause trouble or make an accident I will report it."